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OJINAGA SCENE OF NEXT BATTLE IN VILLA'S MARCH TO SOUTHWARD

**Three Thousand Five Hundred Rebel Troops Marching on
Border Town Where Fortifications Are Being Hurriedly
Thrown Up; Federal Soldiers Tired of Fighting Re-
quest Permission to Cross Over to the
United States**

Juarez, Mex., Dec. 10.—Events to-day indicated that Ojinaga, sometimes called Presidio Del Norte, the small Mexican village on the border opposite Presidio, Texas, would probably be the scene of the next important move in the Mexican revolution. Rebel leaders were more than ever convinced that Ojinaga, where the federal troops have concentrated, cannot be ignored by General Francisco Villa, the rebel leader. Within the town are fortified practically all the federal troops of the north with most of their important generals. Their retreat there was to obtain money and provisions because in the interior they had been on the verge of famine, and the troops had been without pay. Re-provisioned and provided with money the federals would be in a position to renew hostilities.

Should he determine to attack the federals in force, General Villa, now at Chihuahua, would have to temporarily check his advance southward toward Torreon, but it would be in line with his plan to leave only conquered territory behind him in his southward march.

The rebel forces about Ojinaga are greatly in excess of the number at first reported. It was said that the 3,000 troops which Villa sent south of Juarez about ten days ago have been detoured eastward and are now on the road to Ojinaga. The threatened mutiny of the federals, shown by their calling across the river to the American side that they would desert if attacked is being relied upon by the rebels.

Presidio, Tex., Dec. 10.—Federal fortifications were hurriedly built to-day all around Ojinaga, Mex., where the federal troops, after their retreat from Chihuahua, were preparing for a rebel attack. It was believed that 3,500 rebels under General Herrera and General Tomas Urbina were marching on Ojinaga, but they could not expect to reach the frontier town in force within four or five days.

General Salvador Morado, the federal commander, gave orders to General Orozco and General Salazar to keep the federal troops intact and to maintain Ojinaga as a base. The federal soldiers appear to be apathetic over the prospect of a fight. More of them went to the river front to-day and shouted over to the American side.

Continuing his argument on behalf of the C. P. R. Mr. Chrysler admitted the jurisdiction of the railway commission over the C. P. R. and then dealt with the question of the capital of the railway company. Several objections were taken to the figures submitted by the government.

The government counsel in dealing with the land account had figured the value of the land at the present value of the land, while the C. P. R. claimed that the land should be figured at the cost to the railway company of one dollar per acre.

The division of the cost of terminal charges made by the government counsel was attacked by Mr. Chrysler, who claimed there had not been allocated a sufficient portion of these costs to the interior divisions.

**AGED 63 KEEPS POLICE
AT BAY WITH SHOTGUN**

**Arrested for Forgery and Police In-
quire Into Transactions Total-
ling \$50,000.**

Los Angeles, Dec. 10.—After a defence behind closed doors with a shotgun, which held the police and private detectives at bay for twelve hours, M. Davidson, for whom a warrant was issued Monday, is in jail to-day awaiting a preliminary hearing. Meantime the police are investigating allegations that Davidson, who was a loan and realty broker, obtained \$50,000 illegally from clients.

The specific charge against Davidson is that he forged the name of Michael Welch to a certified cheque for \$1,000. Davidson is sixty-three years old and secretary of the Nebraska State So-

SENATOR ELIHU ROOT



NOBEL PEACE PRIZE TWO YEARS AWARDED

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 10.—The Nobel Peace Prize for 1912 was conferred to-day on Senator Elihu Root, of New York, and that for 1913 on Senator Henri La Fontaine, of Brussels, Belgium, who was formerly president of the Permanent International Peace Bureau of Berne, Switzerland.

As no Nobel peace prize was awarded last year there were two for this year, each of them worth \$40,000.

The report of the committee which was read by the secretary to-day refers to Senator Elihu Root's work in the pacification of the Philippines and Cuba, and the handling of the American-Japanese disputes.

ROOT IS SELECTED.

The Hague, Dec. 10.—Senator Elihu Root was to-day selected as a member of the court of arbitration, to which the information that 4,000 rebels, commanded by Generals Villareal and Castro, were approaching the city. The rebel advance guard was said to be at Laguna Puente, nine miles from Tampico.

General Villareal declared his intention of assaulting the city with the least possible delay. He said he had given his officers strict orders to refrain as far as possible from destruction of property and to protect the lives of foreigners, but he feared they would be gravely imperilled in the attack on the city and the consequent fighting in the streets. For this reason he earnestly requested the American authorities to take immediate steps to remove all foreign residents from the place.

Up to the time of the dispatch of Consul Miller's advice no definite action had been taken on this request, but Rear-Admiral Fletcher, commander of the United States fleet, had made preparations to take all foreigners on board his vessels at a moment's notice and to land marines if it appeared advisable.

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SEES SUN SPOT

San Jose, Cal., Dec. 10.—Father Jerome Ricard, of Santa Clara University, discovered a sun spot to-day, the largest seen in two years. The sun spot is in longitude 9, 17.24 east of the central meridian. It is due to a heliocentric conjunction of the earth with Saturn on December 7. The new sun spot has an area of 409,936,709.169 square miles, is 32,013.195 miles long and 12,305.26 miles wide.

BLOW DID NOT KILL ASSAILANT ACQUITTED

**William Halyburton Could Not Have
Lived More Than Twelve Months
in Perfect Quiet.**

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—Sir Hugh John Macdonald, in dismissing the case against Henry R. Howard, of Minneapolis, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of William Halyburton, expressed his opinion after going over the evidence brought out at the inquest and the police court, that Mr. Halyburton did not die from the effect of the blow delivered, but from diseased arteries.

Medical evidence went to prove that the deceased could not have lived more than twelve months under the most quiet circumstances.

CAUGHT IN BEAR TRAP SPENT NIGHT IN RIVER

**Hunter Had Perilous Time Without
Food for Five Days Before
He Was Found.**

Clallam Bay, Wash., Dec. 10.—Lost for eight days in a thick forest near the head of the Dickey river, caught in a bear trap and immersed for one night in a river was the experience of George Jackson, a trapper, who is here recuperating after his eventful trip.

In company with a fellow hunter named Olson, Jackson set out about Thanksgiving Day to explore the Fluhardy clearing at the headwaters of the Dickey river. The men became separated and Olson reached Clallam Bay two days later. A posse of twenty men searched the woods for Jackson but without success until December 4 when he was found in an abandoned cabin. It was necessary to carry him seven miles on a stretcher to get him to this place.

When able to talk Jackson said he had wandered aimlessly for five days without provisions, had fallen into a bear trap and had spent one night in the Dickey river clinging to tree roots until he gained sufficient strength to drag himself ashore. He then crawled to a cabin and had resigned himself to death when the searching party found him. He is expected to recover.

WORLD'S FAIRS HAVE OUTLIVED THEIR DAY

**German Parliamentarian Says So
When Disapproving Grant
for 1915.**

Berlin, Dec. 10.—A bill for the appropriation of \$125,000 for the purpose of arranging German representation at the Panama-Pacific exposition in San Francisco in 1915 came up in the imperial parliament to-day. It was strongly opposed by Otto Arendt, "World's fairs have outlived their day," he said, "and have become mere amusement grounds. They should be replaced by expositions on specialized lines. The most important branches of industry are opposed to participation in the San Francisco exposition, and the late commercial privy councillor, Ludwig Max Goldberger, who was the best posted on the subject of expositions, was undoubtedly right in opposing a German official exhibit."

Ernest Bassmann moved that the bill be referred to the budget committee, and this was carried without debate. The members of the government took no part in the debate, and no indication was given of the attitude of the German government toward the bill.

PLUM COULEE BANK THIEF IS CAPTURED

**Krafsenko Also Charged With Murder
of Manager Taken by Police
This Morning.**

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 10.—John Krafsenko, the notorious criminal who is charged with robbing the Bank of Montreal at Plum Coulee, Man., last Wednesday and murdering H. M. Arnold, the manager, was captured this morning at a house on College avenue, St. Johns, A. cordon of twenty policemen from the city and provincial forces surrounded the house, and, desperate seeing that all chances of escape were cut off, I guess, I'll come quietly. I didn't intend to shoot, anyway. The rooms were searched, but only an automatic revolver was found. At the police station he asked for a private interview with the chief of police. Krafsenko admitted the holding up of the bank and informed the police that they would find \$1,500 in the house in which the arrest was made. The police have since recovered the money.

LABOR REPRESENTED.
Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 10.—The Labor party has named ten candidates for the city council and three for the board of education.

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WHITE WANTS MORE MONEY FROM LONDON

**During Past Year Finance Min-
ister Has Dipped Into Mar-
ket for \$45,000,000**

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—There will be additional borrowing in England before the year is out. It is understood that Finance Minister White really tried to borrow \$30,000,000, but on the advice of his London agents he reduced his demand to \$20,000,000, with the understanding that he would come back later in the fiscal year to sell two, and possibly three, million pounds in treasury bills. When the last loan was under consideration the condition of Canada's public and private credit abroad was seriously discussed.

It was pointed out to Finance Minister White that he had already been into the market three times within six months and had borrowed twenty-five millions. To borrow thirty millions more would be too severe a strain on Canada's credit at this time. Therefore the amount was cut by ten millions.

Though Hon. Mr. White has obtained forty-five millions from London since the year began, he has only mortgaged Canada to the extent of twenty millions. It is now calculated that the government's revenue may show a falling off of \$10,000,000 this year.

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NATIONS' DELEGATES TALK VIVISECTION

President of the Congress Attacks Rockefeller Institute and Financier

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Bitter attack on the vivisection work of the Rockefeller Institute, and also on John D. Rockefeller for financing the work was made by Edward H. Clement, of Boston, in his opening address here yesterday as president of the International Anti-Vivisection and Animal Protection Congress.

"Imagine it proved," he declared, "that your healthier scalp or sounder liver is indicated, as the physicians say, for Mr. Rockefeller's baldness and dyspepsia. Are you willing that Mr. Rockefeller's jugglers should take you or one of your sons, and setting up your survivors in an audience they never dreamed of, proceed to scalp you, painlessly, of course, perhaps with prayers? Here in the United States is the largest mass in the world of 'tainted wealth,' and the whole topping mass is crowned with the Rockefeller Institute, wherein is enthroned man's superior cunning and power, wreaking itself on animals as erstwhile humanity."

Mr. Clement declared that the hardest battle was against the corrupting appeal of vivisection to the selfish fears of man.

The United States, Great Britain, France, Italy, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Belgium are represented at the congress, either by delegates present or by papers or letters from prominent workers of their countries.

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WESTERN FUEL TRIAL AT SAN FRANCISCO

Eight Are Charged With Defrauding United States Government of Customs Duty.

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Eight officers, directors and employees of the Western Fuel Company were placed on trial here yesterday in the United States district court, charged with criminal conspiracy to defraud the government of customs duties and full weight on imported coal. The alleged frauds have aggregated, the prosecution charges, more than \$1,000,000 at the retail price of coal.

National notoriety was given the case when John L. McNab resigned as United States attorney, charging that he was unable to bring the case to trial because of political pressure brought to bear on Attorney-General McReynolds. His resignation was accepted and special counsel appointed.

The first of the trial was given over to the slow process of selecting a jury. Personal and business relations and club and fraternal affiliations were the subject of minute inquiry by counsel for both sides. Judge Dooley showed impatience at the dilatory tactics of the lawyers and warned them to hasten.

SEATTLE WAITING FOR IMMIGRATION ORDERS

Hindu Problem of Grave Import in United States Says American Official.

Seattle, Dec. 10.—Official announcement of the action of the Canadian government in prohibiting immigrants of all nations, temporarily, from entering British Columbia, has not yet been received at the local immigration offices. Commissioner Henry M. White, when apprised of its nature, expressed some surprise but declined to make comment until more fully acquainted with the details.

"I do not believe this order will affect Americans," he said. "I do not think that there is any reason to become alarmed. While it is true that the order covers all nationalities, we understand that it will not be enforced against desirable immigrants from this country, and no complications can ensue so far as we see now."

"The Hindu problem has been of grave import to this country as well as Canada, and both countries will no doubt take whatever action seems best to handle it."

SHAUGHNESSY EXPLAINS THE NEW C. P. R. FINANCE

Montreal, Dec. 10.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., has given out a statement to make clear, he said, the purpose of the directors of the road in creating a special investment fund of \$55,000,000, announcement of which was made Monday. At the same time, the directors announced a decision offering the stockholders on a pro rata basis an issue of \$52,000,000 of 4 per cent note certificates at 80. Sir Thomas' statement follows:

"The trust fund that has been created by the company to be devoted to the payment of the note certificates and to their redemption at par at or before maturity, is composed of the deferred payment and the securities in which the proceeds of land sales heretofore made are invested, and does not include any of the unsold lands or other extraneous assets of the company. These remain intact for the future benefit of the shareholders, and the directors are quite satisfied that the special income from these sources will be sufficient for all the purposes of the company."

"It has been decided that the date of payment will be February 25, 1914, for the first instalment of 22 per cent, and on March 2, 1914, the final instalment of 48 per cent of the face value of the note certificates will be due and payable."

SEATTLE PROVIDES FUND TO ASSIST UNEMPLOYED

Seattle, Dec. 10.—More than fifty unemployed men, arrested on vagrancy charges, were released yesterday from the police court by Judge Gordon when an attorney, H. Sigman, retained by one Jeff Davis, informed the judge that the county and city had provided \$12,000 supply work for the unemployed now congregated in the city.

The men who were arrested Monday night and early yesterday morning on the streets and sleeping on the floors in various cheap lodging houses, insisted that work was unobtainable at the present time.

PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS CONTEMPLATE RESIGNING

Manila, Dec. 10.—Many officials of the Philippine government threatened today to hand in their resignations in consequence of the passage by the assembly of an appropriation bill, by which economies amounting to \$2,000,000 in the government's expenditure are affected, chiefly by the reduction of salaries. It is expected that the Philippine commission will modify the measure.

APPEAL IS NOT LODGED IN BEILISS ACQUITTAL

Kiev, Russia, Dec. 10.—The time limit expired today for an appeal against the verdict of acquittal in the recent sensational trial of Mendel Beiliss on the charge of murdering Andrew Yushinsky for purposes of "blood ritual." As the public prosecutor did not take advantage of the 15-day period allowed for an appeal the judgment became absolute automatically.

Baby Buggy Tyres put on to stay at Wilson's Repair Shop, 614 Commercial.

RAILWAY COUNSEL IS HEARD IN RATE CASE

Chrysler Maintains No Evidence Except by Comparison Before Board

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 10.—The argument on behalf of the C. P. R. in the western freight rates case was continued yesterday by F. H. Chrysler, K. C., chief counsel for railway. Mr. Chrysler reviewed the historical aspect of transportation development in Canada with the object of establishing that in the early days goods were carried by water. This had undoubtedly been a big factor in establishing a basis for the railway rates in the east. Mr. Chrysler contended that if the board should find that there is a discrimination against the west it should order a readjustment on the present rate basis and not undertake to establish a new basis of rates throughout the country. Although he did not say so in so many words, the argument would seem to indicate that the C. P. R. would prefer to have some of the burden carried by the west shifted to the east, rather than a general reduction from the present rate basis.

The argument would also indicate that the railways are determined to fight the theory advocated by J. P. Muller, the American rate expert engaged by Dominion counsel to prepare the technical side of their case.

There was general discussion as to what constitutes unjust discrimination. Mr. Chrysler contending that this was a case of comparison or difference of treatment for different sections of a country, and in order to establish unjust discrimination it would be necessary to establish that one commodity has been made to suffer. "It does not make any difference," he said, "if one man pays \$1.50 for a theatre ticket in Ottawa and another \$2 in Winnipeg. Both probably get value for their money."

Mr. Chrysler then referred to Mr. Muller's exhibits showing a high rate of profit on the lines in the three prairie provinces. "There is no authority that such a method of arriving at a basis for the fixing of rates is reasonable," he said. "A high rate of profit is no valid reason for the reduction of rates of a railway or any other company that I know of. The question at issue is, 'Is it a reasonable charge for the service rendered?'"

"How would you apply that theory to the farmers of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta?" asked Chairman Drayton.

"On such a basis as will permit the farmer to carry on his business and do so well that his example will be an inducement to others to do the same," replied Mr. Chrysler.

Mr. Chrysler maintained that there is no evidence before the board to show that the rates in the west are most unreasonable except by way of comparison with eastern rates.

PROHIBITION DEMAND UNDER CAPITOL DOME

Two Thousand Men and Women Assemble at Washington Against Liquor Traffic.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Under the dome of the capitol two thousand men and women, representing the Anti-Saloon League of America and the W. C. T. U., assembled today for a demonstration against the liquor traffic. The men and women marched in separate lines from the downtown district to the east front of the capitol. Each bore petitions demanding national prohibition by constitutional amendment. On the steps of the capitol the petitions were received by Representative Richmond P. Hobson, of Alabama, author of such a proposed amendment, and by Senator Morris Sheppard, of Texas.

The legislators also received from a special committee of the anti-liquor forces a copy of another resolution for ever to prohibit manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors except for sacramental and medicinal purposes.

The anti-saloon forces were led by Brigadier-General A. S. Daggett, Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, of Portland, Maine, president-general of the W. C. T. U., marshalled the women, who waved banners as they paraded down Pennsylvania avenue.

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DR. BOSC DISCOVERS MICROBE OF CANCER

Montpellier, France, Dec. 10.—Dr. Bosc, professor of pathological anatomy at the University of Montpellier, who has been making extensive investigations of cancer, says he has discovered the microbe of the disease. It is of the protozoa type and is found principally in water. A large number of insects, fish and warm-blooded animals act as carriers. Professor Bosc says he has traced a number of cases of cancer to insect bites and pricks of fishbones.

DOUKHOBOR COLONY DRAWING ATTENTION

Nelson People Deeply Interested in Revelations Made in Newspaper

Nelson, Dec. 10.—Residents of the city and district are deeply interested in revelations made to a newspaper here regarding Doukhobor outrages of recent date. It appears that Peter Veregin, the leader, and Sherbinin, his so-called papal secretary and general manager, have been instrumental in preventing members of the colony at Brilliant from receiving medical attention. This has resulted in at least one death.

It has been proved time and time again that Veregin holds power of life and death over his subjects, the Doukhobors, and that this power is abused. The letter from Valdemar Kruglak has caused considerable excitement in Nelson, and the question is being asked when will the government take steps to prevent further outrages. Since the Blakemore report, the Doukhobors have assumed an attitude of defiance, as they feel that they are being protected by the government. They are not forced to conform with the laws of Canada.

The letter follows: "A report being made to the gold commissioner of Nelson by Mrs. J. E. Kennedy and myself at his request, Dr. Hartin and Provincial Constable King went to the Doukhobor community at Brilliant, B. C., to enquire about a certain sick man, by name Vaceille Navakashownoff. "On arrival they asked Mr. Sherbinin and his helpers to show them to the sick man. He positively denied to Dr. Hartin any knowledge of the man, declaring that there was no one of the name of Navakashownoff in the community (and I know Mr. Sherbinin is a great friend of his). The other Doukhobors also said there was no sick man there.

"Then Mr. King came to me and asked me to accompany them to the community to find the sick man. I went with them across the river and every Doukhobor we asked said: 'They didn't know of any sick person.' It certainly seemed as if orders had been given to all Doukhobors to deny to a doctor any knowledge of a sick person and not to reveal to him the house where the sick man lay. Finally one of Navakashownoff's relatives described the house to me, and upon arriving there we met a Doukhobor woman who lived in the house, and she also denied all knowledge of a sick person and said he was not there.

"Passing by the window I heard moanings and I looked in and saw the sick man lying on a bed and an old man standing beside the sick man holding his hand over the sick man's mouth to suppress his moanings. I knew then that this was the sick man we were seeking.

"We went into the house and found him lying on a dirty bed in a dungeon of a room, and he was breathing very heavily. We asked him how long he had been sick and he answered very feebly: 'I have been forbidden to tell.' "Then the doctor examined him and said: 'It's too late, he has a weak heart. If a doctor had been called ten days before he could have been saved.' "Another case is of a young man 23 years old, by the name of Silkin, who has a wife and two small children. A year ago he caught cold and, asking for a doctor's assistance, was refused. He has been sick a whole year, and now lies in a dying condition. A few days ago they brought him medicine and wanted him to take it, but he was afraid and sent the medicine by a friend to me to find out what kind of medicine it was. When I read it it proved to be a poisonous liniment.

"VALDEMAR KRUGLAK, "Brilliant, B. C." (Translated from the Russian by Mrs. J. E. Kennedy, Nelson, B. C.)

PARCELS POST SYSTEM PERHAPS IN JANUARY

Postmaster Pelletier Trying to Bring Railways Into Line by January 10.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 10.—"It simply has to be settled," was the reply which Hon. L. P. Pelletier, postmaster-general, gave to an inquiry as to whether the difficulty between the railways and the post office department in regard to the compensation for carrying the parcels post would be settled in time to inaugurate the system in January.

"The difficulties have to be settled," he repeated, "and I expect we will launch the system some time in January. It may be the 10th, it may be the 20th, and it may be the 31st, but I look to the establishment of parcels post definitely next month.

"Another conference with the railways will be held on Friday, when I expect the difficulties will be finally settled. The railways ask an increase in compensation of \$4,000,000. It is likely separate arrangements may be made for the parcels post and mails."

EXAMINE IRELAND BAGGAGE.

Belfast, Dec. 9.—The embargo on arms and ammunition in Ireland has been made more stringent by an order served on the railways by the collector of customs providing for the examination of baggage of all incoming travellers.

STRIKE PROSPECT INCREASED.

London, Dec. 9.—The prospect of a strike of the postal employees in the Christmas season was increased by an announcement that the postmaster-general, Herbert L. Samuel, would not concede the demand of 15 per cent. increase in wages.

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MEXICAN ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN JULY

Huerta's Legislature Continues Him in Office of Provisional President

Mexico City, Dec. 10.—The Mexican congress, yesterday nullified the presidential election, and new elections are called for next July.

Congress, according to this action, expects General Huerta to remain in the presidency for at least seven months more, and if the time necessary for the selection and installation of his successor is taken into consideration, will be well toward the end of September, next year, before he yields his power to another.

The committee's report was approved without a dissenting vote as rapidly as the articles could be read. It was not until the last clause was read, referring to General Huerta as provisional president, that the chamber gave evidence of other than that of a well-trained organization. When the reading clerk stopped, someone began applauding, and then instantly the deputies were shouting vivas for Huerta.

The presiding officer was finally able to remind them that enthusiasm was all very well, but that it was necessary to ratify the enthusiasm by votes.

The measures taken last night also provide for the election of a new congress, since the one elected to take the place of that dissolved by Huerta is to serve out an unexpired term, which would terminate on September 15th.

The reason given for nullifying the elections was the insufficiency of the number of votes cast. It was stated that the entire number of voting places in the republic is 44,225, and that returns were received from 707.

Rumor of Resignation.

There has been a rumor current that General Huerta may retire from the presidency, because of pressure from abroad and the advance of the rebels from the north. Constitutionalists are within 14 miles of Tampico, according to information received at the capital. A band of American hunters located the outskirts of the rebels at Altamira. Information obtained by the hunters led them to believe that an attack on the city would be inaugurated shortly, and that the commander of the rebels, realizing the difficulties he might encounter, was sending forward one of the heaviest forces yet employed in the campaign in that part of the republic. The Americans explained to the rebels that they were merely a hunting expedition, and were invited by the rebel officers to be their guests at dinner.

They were assured that foreigners need have no fears so far as the Constitutionalists were concerned, that when the city was attacked the rights of all foreigners would be respected.

The largest federal garrison in the north is at Monterey, where a large part of the forces under Gen. Velasco are concentrating, preparatory to an advance on Torreon. The war department continues to plan for the disposition of the prospective army of 150,000. The new plan involves the placing of 40,000 men in Yucatan, and the utilization of 10,000 as general scout corps.

Hermosillo, Sonora, Mex., Dec. 10.—General Alvaro Obregon, commander of the Constitutional forces in Northwestern Mexico, has issued a proclamation offering amnesty to all federal soldiers who had been forced into arms. The announcement specifically stated that this did not apply to officers of the Huerta forces.

General Carranza authorized the proclamation, and while General Obregon did not give the final date for termination of this offer, he said the amnesty might be accepted at such time as it became necessary to apply with vigor the law of January 25, 1912, put into new effect May 14 of this year.

This law applied originally to the legality of executing those in arms against the constitutional government during the French invasion.

Obregon took occasion, in the proclamation, to assert that the only federalists in the territory under his command, comprising the states of Chihuahua, Sonora, Sinaloa, Durango, and the territory of Lower California, were isolated in the cities of Guaymas and Mazatlan, or fleeing southward on the California peninsula.

AUSTRIAN INJURED ON GREAT EASTERN GRADE

Drilling Missed Hole Causes Explosion and Serious Accident to Three.

Vancouver, Dec. 10.—Three Austrians, names at present unknown, were so seriously hurt that their lives were despaired of in an explosion yesterday on the Pacific Great Eastern grade near Caulfields a short distance east of Point Atkinson.

The men started to work to drill into a missed hole. A charge of dynamite placed there had not exploded, and the men started to open it up by drilling. Some miscalculation regarding the exact location of the dynamite must have occurred, for the work was well under way when the accident occurred.

The men were thrown into the air. Workmen rushed up to the assistance of those injured, and they were conveyed into the Harbor View sanitarium at North Vancouver.

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Seattle, Dec. 10.—W. F. Swan, of Seattle, president of the W. F. Swan Navigation Company, an official of the Skagway Steamship Company and a steamship man of more than seventeen years' experience in the northern trade, is to be the Alaska representative of the newly-organized Pacific Steamship Company, which is to operate a fleet of vessels from Portland to the north.

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WIFE OF DRAMATIST OBTAINS HER DIVORCE

New York, Dec. 10.—The custody of their three children, an annuity of \$7,500 for her own support and the education of their children in final decree of divorce were awarded yesterday to Rella Abell Armstrong. This marks the end of bitter litigation between

Mrs. Armstrong and her husband, Paul Armstrong, author of "Alias Jimmy Valentine," "The Deep Purple" and other plays. The Armstrongs were married in London in 1889.

TIME TO TENDER ON PIERS.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—Because firms requested more time to prepare tenders on the two piers for Victoria, the pub-

lic works department has extended the time for receiving tenders until January 8.

COL. HUGHES COMING.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Hon. Sam Hughes, minister of militia, leaves for Victoria, B. C., on Saturday to spend Christmas with his son. He will be accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Green.



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USURPING CIVIC AUTHORITY.

The new bridge at the foot of Johnston street is estimated to cost \$580,000 or over. As estimates during the last two or three years have been greatly below the final cost of other public works, it is not improbable that the estimate of \$580,000 as the cost of the new bridge may be exceeded.

Towards the construction of this bridge the British Columbia government will contribute \$150,000, the E. & N. Co. \$80,000 and the B. C. Electric Railway Co. \$50,000, or a total contribution of \$280,000. The city of Victoria will provide the balance, which may be anywhere from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

It will be a joint railway and general traffic bridge, and will be owned and maintained by the city. But it will not be built by the city, although the city will provide over half, possibly two-thirds, of the money required. Sir Richard McBride has said, with fine autocratic impressiveness, that the province and not the city will build the city's bridge.

The Premier in effect declares: "The bridge will be built to connect city streets, over which the city has sole control; the city will provide most of the money required, and will own and maintain the bridge for all time; but we will build it. We claim the right to spend our own money as well as the money of the city and the railway companies, because in expending such a large sum we will be in a splendid position to favor our political friends and so strengthen the excellent government of which I am the head."

That is not the language of Premier McBride, but it is the meaning of his attitude to the city on the Johnston street bridge question. He does not say, "by your leave," or "with your permission;" he boldly declares his royal pleasure, "we will do it; if you don't like it build the bridge yourself—and find the money." If that is not the meaning of Premier McBride's usurpation of the rights and privileges of the city council we will be pleased to get the right interpretation from the Premier's infallible adviser, counselor and friend, the morning paper.

CHINESE EXEMPT?

According to a dispatch from Ottawa yesterday afternoon the order-in-council prohibiting the admission of artisans and laborers to British Columbia does not apply to Chinese. Thus Europeans, Americans, Japanese and Hindus of the classes specified may not enter, but Chinese may continue to come in large numbers provided they put up the five hundred dollar tax required by the statute. The excuse given for the exemption is that Chinese immigration is dealt with under a special act, whereas the recent order is passed on the authority of the general immigration act of 1910.

The provision of the Chinese immigration act which permits Chinese to enter Canada is:

"Every person of Chinese origin, irrespective of allegiance, shall pay into the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada, on entering Canada, at the port or place of entry, a tax of five hundred dollars, except the following persons who shall be exempt from such payment."

Then follows a list of the exemptions, such as diplomats, consuls, consular agents, merchants, tourists, students and professional men. Others, such as paupers, idiots, or those suffering from disease, etc., may not enter at all.

Thus no Chinese, except those expressly specified, may be admitted to Canada unless they pay the capitation tax, but we are not sure that the statute deprives the government of the power to refuse applicants admission even though they are prepared to pay the stipulated sum. The section of the general immigration act which gives the cabinet the power to pass the recent order-in-council is:

"Governor in Council may, by

proclamation or order whenever he deems it necessary or expedient—
"Prohibit for a stated period or permanently the landing in Canada, or the landing at any specified port of entry in Canada, of immigrants belonging to any race deemed unsuited to the climate or requirements of Canada, or of immigrants of any specified class, occupation or character."

The general act also provides that all of its provisions "not repugnant to the provisions of the Chinese immigration act" shall apply as well to persons of Chinese origin as to other persons. Apparently the cabinet has concluded that the order-in-council is repugnant to the Chinese immigration act, hence the exemption of Chinese from its sweeping operation. But is that opinion tenable? Is it mandatory on the country to admit every person of Chinese origin who is ready to pay the five hundred dollar tax, or cannot the government under the general act refuse to admit even Chinese for the same reasons it is declining to admit the people of other countries?

We would be glad to have an opinion on that point. We know that Chinese immigration has become a prolific revenue producer, contributing to the treasury in 1912 the sum of nearly \$3,000,000, of which this province received half. We know that both the dominion and provincial revenues are declining, the federal government having become an insistent borrower in London, while the provincial government has been driven to the necessity of floating treasury notes for six months. Sir Richard McBride intimates through the morning paper that he has had a hand in the recent order-in-council, which was not passed until his government was consulted by Ottawa. We would be pleased, therefore, if he would explain clearly why Chinese are exempted from its scope. They have been entering British Columbia at the rate of six thousand or seven thousand a year, while the Japanese immigration amounts to only a few hundred and that from India a mere handful.

ILL-ADVISED RANTING.

If sympathizers with the miners now serving terms of imprisonment arising out of the troubles on the island last summer do not desire to alienate public opinion altogether, they should keep off their platforms such immoderate talkers as the man whose remarks at a meeting in Vancouver we published in this paper yesterday. Dark threats of violence against public men will get them nothing. The law of this country provides drastic penalties for threatening the party in question, and public sentiment will sustain its enforcement to the fullest extent. This is not Idaho or Colorado, and the sooner advocates of violence realize it the better.

EXIT THE FIERY CROSS.

Jim Larkin's fiery cross has been extinguished by the solid common sense of British frades unionism. His proposal of a sympathetic strike throughout the kingdom in the interests of his rampant syndicalism has been rejected by the great body of organized labor which favored a policy of negotiation between the Dublin trouble-makers and their striking employees, with the result that the latter have returned to work. Larkin's ascendancy over his followers has received a severe blow, and once a leader such as he loses his grip, his descent becomes rapid.

Larkin did not know his English. He thought the means by which he held the Dublin recalcitrants in the hollow of his hand would place him at the head of a terrifying revolution. His arrest for sedition—a most stupid thing in view of the fact that Carson, who had gone much further, was not molested—and his precipitate liberation—even more stupid—convinced him that he was a second Danton of whom the government was afraid. All that was needed, he thought, was a hand to hold the torch and the lurid flames of a great revolt would illumine the whole kingdom. He would tie up every industry, cripple production, put down the accursed "aristocrats," and so forth. In his crusade, now so thoroughly squelched, he was abetted by that shining light of syndicalism from this side of the ocean, Big Bill Haywood, who a few years ago just escaped the embarrassing attentions of a public functionary on the charge of assassinating the governor of Idaho and blowing up a number of other hapless people.

The average British workmanman is not fertile soil for the seeds of Larkinism. He is opposed to extreme measures, whether from the throne, government or the soapbox demagogue. He will struggle for his rights and finally gain them, but he is too far-sighted to prejudice his case by unnecessary violence. And from the fate of Larkinism in England, Sir Edward Carson might well draw a lesson. If the revolutionary propaganda of the Dublin labor leader excites disgust and disapproval, so will the blood and thunder appeals of the Ulster firebrand. If the British workmenman will not follow Larkin, we may be sure that they will not follow his brother in the cause of revolution, Sir Edward Carson. Larkin's appeals

were couched in the identical language of Carson and fell upon deaf ears. When the time comes it will be found that Sir Edward's threatened explosion is nothing but a squib.

At the same time Larkin's activities in Dublin have done good. They have exposed the pitiable conditions under which thousands of people live in that city and have directed attention to the miseries in the congested sections of other large communities. They, moreover, have compelled a closer study in the part of press, pulpit, and other agencies, of the labor conditions throughout the country. Had he been less extreme he would have accomplished more.

AS TO THE THEATRE.

A correspondent falls because, as he alleges, the new Victoria theatre in material and workmanship is practically the work of alien minds and hands. We do not hold that that constitutes an offence against the enterprise. The points to be remembered are that the theatre was an urgent necessity and that certain enterprising citizens have risked their money and spent their energies in building it. The Briton at home asks for no favors in his undertakings. He is ready for, and invites, competition with the world. That is why the little islands are in a class by themselves. The people of Vancouver Island must cultivate a similar spirit if they hope to "remain on the map." However, we must say this in favor of the position of our esteemed correspondent: The case of the Victoria theatre again shows the absurdity of the cry "we must have no truck or trade with the Yankees." In matters in which the Yankees excel we must "truck and trade with them" in order eventually to be in a position to compete with them.

SIR HENRY'S CASTLE.

Sir Henry Pellatt, the Toronto multimillionaire, has appealed against the assessment of \$250,000 on his castle and grounds in the Ontario metropolis. Judge Winchester, who heard the appeal, reduced the assessment to something like \$122,000, on the ground that the house should not be taxed for more than it could be sold for, and that, in fact, it is doubtful if it could be sold at all.

Real estate valuers declared that nobody but a fool would buy the place, which is reputed to be one of the most palatial homes in America. When completed it will cost about a million dollars. The stables alone involved a larger outlay than the cost of the residences of wealthy people. The castle is built on something like early Norman lines, with towers, walls and other accessories useful and useless. Whether it has a portcullis, drawbridge and moat the pictures published in the eastern press do not show. But there is no doubt that the opinion of the valuers of the mental competency of any person who might purchase it is sound.

It seems to be its owner's hobby, just as other billionaires collect fleas and play pinocle, and it is an open question as to which pursuit is the more useful. And there is much of the ridiculous in this ostentatious blazonry of wealth in a country like Canada. Is Sir Henry aiming at further distinction at the hands of the sovereign with the object of founding a long line of coroneted and ermined Pellatts?

But Toronto's knight will not always get off with an assessment of \$122,000 on a property which represents an investment of a million and a half, hobby or no hobby, salable or not salable. The assessment commissioners declare that next year they will make him pay taxes on at least half a million. If a man adds a veranda to his house his assessment is increased. Why, then, should Sir Henry's palatial hobby escape its fair proportion when he adds to the architectural freak another tower or two and a baronial wing? Of course he might incarcerate in one of the wings the historic Pellatt ghost to give the place a fitting mediæval touch, which would weigh with the commissioners. If he cannot boast a ghost, the College of Heraldry can find one for him at the usual rate.

A PROFESSOR ON THE HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Professor Stephen Leacock, said by many competent authorities to be Canada's greatest humorist—to be the Mark Twain of the Dominion, in fact—has written another book. It is a good book, too, well worthy of a place in any library. But it is not with the professional humorist's book we are going to deal just now. The professor has taken up something that is not a matter for laughter. It is the question of high cost of living and the temper of the Canadian people with respect to the same. Mr. Leacock, writing in the Montreal Daily Mail, says: "The present situation is going from bad to worse. To vast numbers of people the rise in prices is bringing the most acute privation. Luxuries are already gone. Comforts are being relinquished. For some, even necessities are being snatched away. It is a situation that contains the elements of the gravest danger. Already a blind rage fills the people, a desperate hate against the silent, unknown force that

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is grinding them against the pavement. Let them but personify it, rightly or wrongly, into a man or a group of men and it will go hard with them. There is no doubt that if the present augmentation of prices goes on unchecked the time is not far off when we shall see bread riots in the crowded, desperate cities of America. Let the government look to it in time. Let it at least earn the credit of good intentions, even if the event shows that it is powerless to aid. For in the social bitterness that is being engendered there is a latent force that can tear down the most solid government ever made. It is the chained Samson of discontent, with the mad energy of its blindness to lend it added strength."

That is the situation as the professor describes it. He has a remedy, of course. He thinks he helped to make the government, because he was a very illlogical advocate of the retention of taxes on food some two years ago, and therefore he would save the government from the consequences of its and his folly. He prays for the appointment of a commission to investigate the high cost of living, and he even hints that he would willingly accept appointment as such a commission, giving his services free of charge. But we fear a commission of investigation would not allay the "blind rage" to which the professor alludes and which he evidently fears. The people want no mere pretences of dealing with so vital a matter. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's suggestion, again offered last night in Montreal, is a much better one. That is to first remove the taxes on food—then investigate. It is behind the tariff that the combines which are imposing grievous burdens upon the people are formed and carry on their operations. Abolish the duties, and a long stride will be taken towards granting the relief the public demand.

If it be true that the C. P. R. can throw a bridge across the arm that will meet all its requirements at a cost of \$80,000, why should the city undertake to pay not less than \$300,000, possibly \$500,000, for part of a bridge? There is a conundrum for you to work out. And in doing it remember that the requirements of the city in the matter of stresses would not be nearly as great as the necessities of the C. P. R. Ponder the thing over in your mind and let us know what you think about it.

An eastern paper reports that the largest single insurance deal ever consummated in the world has been in progress on behalf of the C. P. R. The policy is for upwards of \$100,000,000, the property insured being valued at between \$110,000,000 and \$115,000,000. Five big insurance syndicates, among them what is said to be the largest company of the kind in the British Empire, are putting the deal through.

Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, has borrowed forty-five million dollars so far this year, and he is going to borrow fifty millions next year, if he can. It is admitted that there will be a decrease of ten millions in revenue for the current fiscal year. All of which goes to show that Canada did a fine stroke of business when it placed in power a government to "have no truck or trade with the Yankees."

There are more than seven hundred Hindu students attending the colleges of England. Of these 188 are at Oxford and Cambridge and 300 at Edinburgh.

VALOR OF IGNORANCE.

From Harper's Magazine.
Mr. Snipples got out of bed and slipped on his shoes.
"This must stop," he muttered irritably to his wife. "I'm going downstairs to teach that young man to keep away from my house in the future."
"John," cried his wife, "stop! Don't go!"
But before she could say more he had slipped out of the door. She heard him steeled downstairs to the drawing room; she heard sounds of a struggle and of the breaking of glass; she heard him drag his adversary to the hall and kick him down the front steps. Then, when he returned, she flung herself upon him and clung to him admiringly.
"What's the matter?" he demanded.
"Don't you know?" she answered.
"That was a burglar!"
"Great Scott!" he gasped, turning pale.
"Why didn't you tell me before? I thought it was Ethel's sweetheart!"

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Coats, made from all wool in plain white, also white trimmed with pale blue and pink. Sweet little garments and so cozy and warm. All prices from 50c to.....**\$1.75**
Infants' Overalls, made from all wool, with and without feet; indispensable for cold weather. Priced at 75c and.....**\$1.00**
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Silk-Lined Tan Kid Gloves from, per pair, \$1.25 to.....**\$2.50**
Wool-Lined Tan or Brown Kid Gloves from, per pair, 75c to.....**\$1.50**
Motor Gauntlet Gloves in tan and black, lined and unlined. A large stock clearing at prices from \$1.50 to.....**\$5.00**
Unlined Tan or Grey Kid Gloves for street wear, from, per pair, \$1 to.....**\$2.50**
Silk-Lined Unlined Kid Gloves in tan and grey, from, per pair, \$1 to.....**\$2.75**
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An Interesting List of Useful Gifts From the Staple Department

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TENDERS will be received by the undersigned for a temporary freight shed to be erected on Douglas street. Plans and specifications may be had from the Resident Engineer, Langley street office. Tenders will be received up to Friday noon, Dec. 12. The lowest of any tender not necessarily accepted.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 10, 1888.

A number of United States officials are sojourning in this city. They will return to the American side after the inauguration of President Harrison. These individuals held office under the Democratic administration, and were active workers for the Republican party at the last election. The Cleveland party cannot serve them with papers declaring their offices vacant while they remain in Canadian territory, and they expect to be solid for another term.

Rev. P. McLeod preached a pointed and forceful sermon on gambling last evening. The reverend gentleman exhorted the Christian people of the community to appoint righteous men to rule over the city. The law against gambling was not enforced by those whose duty it was to see to the preservation of morals.

Mrs. J. H. Turner, wife of the minister of finance, is the guest of Mrs. Neufelder, at Seattle.

A telegram was received on Saturday conveying news of the death in Toronto of John Cuthbert, one of the proprietors of the Balmoral cannery on the Skeena river. He arrived in Victoria some nine years ago, and was afterwards engaged by Turner, Beeton & Co., at the Inverness cannery.

SAANICH.

Saanich Ratepayers' Central Association have opened committee rooms at Northern Crown Bank buildings, 1236 Government street. Persons holding agreements of sale are invited to call and register on the voters' list before December 22, next. Phone 1859.

The Umbrella Shop, 610 Pandora St.

Try New Life.—Relieves pain instantly. Free demonstration. Special prices, 721 Yates St.

Alteration Sale Ends Saturday.—Secure your share of the Bargains. J. N. Harvey, Ltd.

Ladies of the Maccabees.—The regular review of the Victoria Hive, No. 1, of the Ladies of the Maccabees will be held to-morrow evening in the Foresters' hall, Broad street, at 8 o'clock sharp. There will be an election of officers for the coming year while other important business will be discussed. All members are requested to take notice.

Organ Recital.—This evening an organ recital and service of song will be given by the choir and organist in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. The following soloists will take part: MacDonald Fyfe, Mrs. D. E. Campbell, Messrs. E. J. Hearn and Wm. Melville, vocalists; violinist, Mr. James Trethewey. The recital will commence at 8.15.

Indians Are Fined.—There were two Indians in the police court dock this morning on charges of being drunk on the public street. Yesterday there was one. This morning's offenders were found in a suspicious circumstance, since it is in Chinatown that the Indians find their most frequent source of supply of the forbidden firewater.

Had No Motor License.—For failure to apply for a motor-cycle license H. H. France was this morning fined \$10. He explained that he had purchased the cycle from a former owner and understood that there was to be a paper sent him which would enable him to get a transfer. It was pointed out by the chief of police that the new licenses are due in a few days.

"The Price" Coming.—"The Price," a great play full of human interest from the opening lines until the wonderful climax at the fall of the curtain in the last act, will be presented at Victoria Theatre, December 15 and 16. The company will have as its leading lady, Edna Marshall, who made such a tremendous hit in the same part last season. In fact, the entire cast is the same with the exception of one member, in one of the minor roles.

Shorter Mail Route.—The president of the St. John, N. B., Board of Trade has sent the following message to the Board of Trade of Western Canada: "The routing of the English mails landed at West St. John for Montreal and the West by the Intercolonial Railway means nineteen hours' delay over routing by the C.P.R. Please take this matter up with your member at Ottawa and the postmaster-general. Ask for C.P.R. routing, and save nineteen hours in getting your British mails."

Seamen's Institute Auxiliary.—The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Connaught Seamen's Institute held its regular meeting yesterday at the Empress hotel, the president, Mrs. Jenkins, in the chair. During the meeting a cordial vote of thanks was passed in favor of Mrs. Stuart Robertson, who had so generously loaned her house for a bridge tournament in aid of the institute. Reports of the house committee and the men's committee were read and proved satisfactory.

Change of Venue.—The Royal North-West Mounted Police Veterans will hold their smoker at 8.30 o'clock on Saturday evening next in the Balmoral hotel, and not in the drill hall, as previously advertised.

Open Business Here.—George A. Touche & Company, the world-known firm of chartered accountants, have opened an office in Victoria under the supervision of Campbell H. D. Robertson, their resident partner. Ronald T. Townsend, C.A. (Scot.), is resident manager.

Official Declaration.—This afternoon at Queen's Harbor, the returning officer in the Island constituency, J. G. Collins, made his official count and declared William W. Foster, of Victoria, member-elect for the constituency. Mr. Foster was present. There were six spoiled ballots but no contest was made by either side in regard to these.

Building Permits.—Residence permits have been issued to G. H. McCaskey for a house at 239 Moss street, costing \$2,000, and to Mrs. J. McKinnon for a house at 538 Cormorant street, costing \$2,000. A permit has been issued to Messrs. Coates & Fleet to execute the plans of Coates & Fleet to rebuild the Brown Jug hotel for H. H.

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Moloney, at a cost of \$15,000. The alterations projected at a cost of \$500 at the Merchants' Bank will be carried out by Parfitt Brothers from F. M. Rattenbury's design.

Saanich License Commissioners.—At the session this morning of the Saanich license commissioners the license of the Prairie Hotel, Saanichton, was transferred from James Callander to Mr. Jenkins. The license of the Brentwood Bay hotel, which is building, was granted, not to become operative, however, till the premises are open for business.

Going Street Railway.—A damage suit set down for hearing to-morrow is that of Lindsay, an infant, against the B. C. Electric Railway Company. Damages are claimed for personal injuries sustained during exhibition week when the child was struck by a Willows car as it was passing the

Jubilee hospital grounds. W. J. Taylor, K. C., and R. deB. Howell are representing the plaintiff, and the case is being defended for the company by Robertson & Heisterman.

Connaught Seamen's Institute.—Rev. G. F. West, chaplain of the Seattle Seamen's Friends Society, and resident superintendent of the Seamen's Home at 1601 Western Avenue there, is to spend this week and in Victoria and it is expected will give an address on his work amongst seamen to the subscribers to the Connaught Seamen's Institute and other friends of seamen, at the institute (104 Ontario street) on Sunday at 2.30 p. m. W. West is also to give a short address at the Y. M. C. A. at 9 p. m.

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Along the Waterfront

Shipping News from Day to Day

WINTER SCHEDULE OF G.T.P. IS ANNOUNCED

Smaller Boats Will Help Maintain Semi-Weekly Service While George is Off

With the opening of the New Year the winter schedule of the Grand Trunk Pacific Steamship Company will go into force according to information received this morning at the local offices from headquarters in Vancouver. Despite the fact that one of the big three-stackers will be laid up, the company intends to maintain the semi-weekly service to Prince Rupert, and will use the steamers Prince John and Prince Albert, alternating out of Victoria every Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The Wednesday trip to Seattle will be abandoned until the two big ships are again in service.

Upon her arrival here on January 4 from Prince Rupert, the Prince George, Capt. Donald, will be withdrawn to be repaired and overhauled. The steamer will go into dry-dock here to have a number of plates removed, following a mishap in northern waters a short time back. The Prince Rupert, Capt. McKenzie, at present making the Thursday sailing out of Victoria, will be held here on her arrival, December 31, and will replace the Prince George, leaving Victoria on Monday, January 5.

Albert First to Sail.
The Prince Albert, Capt. Morehouse, will be the first of the smaller boats to clear from Victoria in the new Thursday service. She will leave Victoria at 10 a.m. on New Year's day, calling at Vancouver, and will make Prince Rupert at 4 p.m. the following Saturday. The Prince John, Captain Wearmouth, which is now at Esquimalt, being equipped as an oil-burner, will be ready to make her first sailing out of here for the north on Thursday, January 8. The John has been selected as the steamer which will give the Queen Charlotte Islands a fortnightly service from Victoria.

This is the first time in the history of the G. T. P. that it has maintained a semi-weekly service to the north during the winter months. In the past years the two big steamers have been laid up for a total of about four months, but owing to the exceptional business this season the company has

kept the ships running regularly. As soon as the Prince George is ready for service the Rupert will be given a short overhaul and then the two flyers will once again start on their semi-weekly service, the smaller boats being placed on the direct run to the Queen Charlotte Islands.

FOG STILL HOVERS OVER THE NARROWS

Tug Point Grey Rams Scow and Does Damage to Barquentine Jas. Tuft

Another spell of fog is being experienced in Vancouver, and as usual shipping is suffering considerably in getting in and out of the treacherous First Narrows. The big ferry steamers operating between here and the mainland port are losing a great deal of time making their docks there. So far the passenger ships have managed to give the shores and mudbanks on the Vancouver run wide berth, and no mishaps have been reported. The fog is thick in the Gulf, but Victoria is not being bothered with the mist.

The tug with the big transfer barges have also been losing time in crossing from Nanaimo to Vancouver. It is no easy task for the tugboats with their heavy tows to slip in through the Narrows when the weather is as thick as a bag.

Yesterday morning, while dense fog shrouded Burrard inlet, the government tug Point Grey ran into a scow moored along the barquentine James Tuft and inflicted such damage that the scow filled and capsized, sending two hundred tons of good Australian coal to the bottom. The scow was recovered by the tug Vanity, which found it floating off the sugar refinery.

It is reported that the shock of the collision forced the scow against the stern of the barquentine, doing damage to the rudder. This is the second scow load of coal from the James Tuft which has got into trouble. A loaded scow sank in False Creek Monday while proceeding up the creek to the gas works.

It is also reported from the barquentine that some of the coal has been on fire for the last few days. A stream of water is being played on it and double shifts are working to get the cargo out as quickly as possible.

CANADA IS DELAYED STEAMING INTO PORT

Osaka Liner Not Docking Till End of Week; Bad Weather Believed Responsible

Judging by the slow trip she is making across the Pacific from Yokohama, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Canada Maru, Capt. Yamamoto, no doubt is encountering considerable extremely heavy weather. According to a wireless message received here this morning the inbound Japanese steamship was approximately 1,350 miles from Victoria at 5 o'clock last night. Some shipping men are of the opinion that she will reach William Head before sundown on Saturday afternoon, but there are others who believe that it will be well on in the small hours of the next morning when she pokes her nose around Race Rocks.

According to advices received by the local agents of the line, R. P. Rithet & Co., from Yokohama, the Canada cleared that port on schedule time. She is scheduled to berth here on Friday, but the Osaka liners generally manage to reach port on Thursdays, and as the Canada is one of the fastest ships of the fleet, it was not expected that she would be along to-morrow. The weather, however, has been very severe on the Pacific for some time, and most likely the Canada is getting a good share of it, which will account for her slow passage.

Must Wait Overnight.
Some time to-night two Royal Mail steamships will drop their anchors off William Head and will have to remain there until daylight to-morrow morning before being inspected. The Empress of India, Capt. Davidson, of the C.P.R. fleet, is expected along before midnight, and the Maruma, Capt. Rols, of the Australian line, will follow the India into the station a few hours later. Both ships are late, the C.P.R. liner having been looked for yesterday and the Maruma also being scheduled to berth.

The Montclair, Capt. Hatley, is due to leave port to-night for the Orient.

DISMASTED AND DESERTED SHIP SEEN NEAR CALLAO

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Dismasted and deserted, the British ship Dalgonar, from Callao for Talpal, Chile, was sighted in longitude 86.7 west, latitude 27 south, about 100 miles southwest of Callao by the French barque Marie. Capt. Houn, which arrived to-day from Liverpool.

The Dalgonar was a big steel ship of 3,800 tons, built at Southampton, Eng., in 1892, and probably carried as many as 30 men. Two of her small boats were missing. The cargo had shifted and she was lying almost on her beam ends.

Capt. Houn took photographs and brought with him all the ship's papers he could find.

'FRISCO'S MARINE NEWS

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Capt. C. B. Johnson, one of the best-known mariners on the coast, is dead at his home in this city. For the past several years Capt. Johnson had been a bar pilot at this port, but prior to that he was for many years in the employ of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company. He had command at one time of the steamer Orizaba, and later, when the Santa Rosa was a new vessel, he commanded her.

The schooner J. H. Lonsmann, which was sunk at this port with her cargo of coal, will be blown up by the government as a menace to navigation. The Whitelaw Wrecking Company has tried for four months at a cost of \$5,000 to raise her, but has finally given up. Bids will be requested for her removal by dynamite.

The government has just chartered one of the Strath steamers for a cargo of coal from Norfolk to San Diego. This is the first coal-fixture by the government in some time. The Bremer and Mars Island bunkers are well filled, and no new fixtures are expected until next spring.

Mail advices from Honolulu state that according to predictions of Capt. Frederick, the S. C. Allen is soon to be refloated and brought into Honolulu harbor. Matsumoto, the Japanese, who purchased the wreck and lumber for \$4,600, is declared to have already cleared about \$2,000 on the sale of the salvaged cargo to local dealers. What he may be expected to realize from the barque will bring the figure to \$10,000.

LEFT LAUNCHES BEHIND

The Pacific Coast steamship Senator, Capt. Hannah, was unable to take south the two fine launches which were put off here by the yacht Cyprus on Sunday. She could have towed them on her forward deck but the chance of having them smashed by heavy seas which might break over the steamship on her way south to San Francisco. It is not known just which way the little craft will be taken south following the failure to transport them by the steamship route.

LOCAL STEVEDORES MAKE FINE RECORD

Titan Loads Victoria's Cargo in 12 Hours; Capt. Read Delighted With Work

When the stevedores of any port can tickle the master of a ship through the speedy and careful manner in which they handle cargo, they have accomplished something very unusual in shipping. Skippers on the whole usually growl about the slow way in which the longshoremen are working the freight. It is quite natural for seafaring men to complain, and therefore when a master says that he is pleased with the way a gang of stevedores has stowed the freight aboard his ship, it can easily be seen that something almost supernatural must have been accomplished.

Capt. Read, master of the Blue Funnel liner Titan, is one of the few men who has a good word to say for the stevedores. He was exceedingly well pleased over the way the Victoria & Vancouver Stevedoring Company loaded his ship, and he congratulated Capt. James Mosher and his crew of longshoremen for the speed which had been used. The Titan is under rush orders, and the local stevedores were asked to do their best in loading her here.

Made New Record.
At 10 o'clock last night the Titan reached here from Comox after a very fast run. Immediately the gangplank was made fast a gang of longshoremen piled on board, removed the hatches, got the gear ready for work, and made fast the save-all-nets. The work of loading then commenced. Sixteen thousand cases of salmon and 500 barrels of whale oil had to be placed aboard. By 10 o'clock this morning Capt. Mosher told Capt. Read that he was through with the ship. The record of ten hours is one of the best ever made on the Pacific Coast. Out of this time the men had two hours for eating and the hatches had to be removed and fastened down after the cargo had been lowered into her holds.

Capt. Read was gratified by the very expeditious manner in which his ship was loaded at Victoria. After a smart run across the Sound the Titan reached Seattle at 5 o'clock this afternoon, and is now loading additional freight. She is due to sail outwards one week from to-morrow, seven days in advance of her scheduled date of departure.

WIRELESS REPORTS

Dec. 10, 8 a.m.
Point Grey—Cloudy; calm; 29.93; 36; sea moderate; thick seaward.
Cape Lazo—Cloudy; S. E. fresh; 29.85; 41; sea moderate. Spoke 10.30 p.m. S. S. Cordova at Salmon River, southbound; 10.30 p.m. S. S. Humboldt abeam, northbound.
Tatoosh—Raining; E. 14 miles; 29.84; 50; heavy swell. In, 10.45 p.m. S. S. Buckman.
Estevan—Raining; S. E. strong; 29.66; 45; sea rough. Spoke 10.15 p.m. S. S. Awa Maru, 8 p.m. position 50.07 N. 145.02 W. westbound; 2.30 a.m. S. S. Canada Maru, 8 p.m. position 50.41 N. 156.22 W., eastbound.
Triangle—Raining; N. W. moderate gale; 29.64; 40; sea rough. Spoke 9.15 p.m. S. S. Maruma, due Victoria Thursday morning; 3 p.m. S. S. Prince George through Milbank Sound, northbound.
Prince Rupert—Raining; S. E., light; 29.50; 40; sea smooth.

Noon.
Point Grey—Foggy; calm; 29.90; 40; Cape Lazo—Raining; S. E. 29.74; 42; sea moderate.
Tatoosh—Raining; S. E., 21 miles; 29.72; 48; sea moderate.
Pachena—Foggy; raining; S. E. strong; 29.58; 47; sea rough.
Estevan—Raining; S. E. strong; 29.50; 46; sea rough.
Triangle—Passing showers; N. W. 29.62; 43; heavy swell.
Ikeda—Cloudy; S. E. 29.49; 46; sea moderate.
Prince Rupert—Overcast; N. W. 29.52; 40. In, 8.40 a.m., S. S. Prince George.
Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; S. E. light; 29.67; 72; sea smooth. Spoke, 11.30 a.m., S. S. Prince Albert, due at Jedway, 9 p.m.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

December 9.
San Francisco, Cal.—Arrived: Str. Paraiso, Portland; str. Wilhelmina, Honolulu; str. Claremont, Willapa Harbor; str. Camino, Astoria; barque Marie, Newcastle, Eng. Sailed: Str. John A. Hooper, towing ship Henry Villard, Seattle; barque Duguay Trouin, Queenstown; str. Annie Johnson, Mahukona.
Tacoma, Wash.—Arrived: Str. Jeanie, Seattle. Sailed: Str. Chicago Maru, Hongkong via way ports.
Seattle, Wash.—Arrived: Str. Roma, Port San Luis via San Francisco. Sailed: Str. Senator, San Francisco; str. Admiral Farragut, San Francisco; str. Spokane, Southeastern Alaska; str. Jeanie, Tacoma; str. Inverberie, Australia; str. Governor, Puget Sound ports.

LINER WAS NOT ON FIRE.

Brunswick, Ga., Dec. 10.—The Malory Line steamer Rio Grande arrived this morning from New York. The captain declared there was no trouble on the trip down; that there was no fire nor did those on the vessel know of any unusual happening at sea.

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HOW TUGS LOST ALOHA

Hoquiam, Dec. 10.—The tug Daring returned to this port yesterday, after trying efforts to salvage the waterlogged four-mast schooner Aloha, which she picked up off Destruction Island Saturday morning. The Aloha, as far as Capt. Johnson of the Daring knows, is a derelict, or else has gone ashore farther north. He left the tug Tatoosh seeking the vessel, which disappeared Saturday night after breaking loose from the two tugs that afternoon.

When the Daring reached the Aloha she was being held by one anchor, the chain of the other having broken close to the hawsepipe. The Daring put a line on the Aloha and started for Grays Harbor in the face of a strong southeast wind. Shortly afterwards the Tatoosh came up and assisted the Daring. After a time the wind changed to the southwest and the course was changed for the Sound. Late in the afternoon the Aloha snapped the cable and the tugs, on account of the high sea running, were unable to get a line aboard her. They lay until Sunday morning, but when day broke the schooner had disappeared. After several hours' search Capt. Johnson gave up the hunt and returned to Hoquiam, but the Tatoosh is said to have continued it.

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TABULATE DEALS IN REAL ESTATE

Secretary of Exchange Proposes Publication of Volume of Business Weekly

Secretary Wright, of the real estate exchange, will propose a scheme at this evening's meeting of that body whereby the public will be able to keep track of the amount of real estate business going on in the city. His idea is that the figures showing the total sum involved in real estate transfers during the day will give just as valuable a side-light on the condition of business in the city as the bank clearings, stock exchange reports or customs returns. He will ask that when a deal is completed the member of the exchange who transacted the business telephone the secretary of the exchange, together with the sum involved, and these sums will be added up each day and given to the press in daily, weekly or monthly totals, showing comparisons with previous periods. The matter will be discussed at some length to-night.

The exchange will appoint an auditor at this evening's meeting also. Captain W. H. Logan, who was to have given a paper on "Victoria as a seaport, and the effect of the opening of the Panama Canal," has been called away to Vancouver on business, and his place will be taken by Ernest McGaffey. There is another exceedingly interesting item of business on the programme, for which all the members are requested to make a point of being present.

Remodelling of the building at 1021 Government street now occupied by Fitzpatrick & O'Connell's store, the Real Estate Exchange and other offices, will begin to-morrow, and the exchange office will be moved at once to 1019 Langley street, where commodious quarters have been obtained. To-night's meeting will be the last in the Government street premises, which will in another month be converted into the Brown Jug hotel.

INQUEST HELD TO-DAY.

Late Captain McGregor Died of Heart Failure: Dr. Bapty Testifies to Cardiac Affection.

The verdict of the coroner's jury which this morning inquired into the circumstances of the death on Monday of Captain Walter McGregor was that he had succumbed to natural causes.

Dr. Bapty testified that the man had a cardiac affection which was sufficient to cause his death at any time, and he stated that this was the cause of the sudden end of the man.

Conductor J. M. Ritchie told of the deceased getting on his car at the corner of Springfield avenue about a quarter to seven o'clock on Monday morning. When the car had got as far as the Half-way House, McGregor was heard to groan and fall forward. He was assisted to a seat, still breathing, but died almost immediately. Evidence of identification having been given the jury did not take long coming to a decision. Coroner Hart was assisted by the following jury: Samuel Stanley, foreman; John Donald, Joseph Wichter, John Bishop, William Roach and Harry Marsh.

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And notice is further given that creditors are required to send to the Assignee at the office of Thornton Fell, K. C., Chancery Chambers, Langley street, Victoria, on or before Saturday, the 27th day of December, 1913, particulars, duly verified, of their claims and the security (if any) held by them.

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Civic Court of Revision Will Take Two Adjournments for Protested Voters

For the first time in recent years the first session of the court of revision of the municipal voters' list passed without any representatives of the general public present this morning.

The mayor, Aldermen Dilworth and McNeill, and three officials composed the whole company present. Attention was drawn to the surmise that a number of the householders registered had not paid the road tax at the time of making the declaration, and in order to obtain information on that point, the court ordered the subpoenaing of these doubtful cases for Friday.

A list of the agreement holders claiming to be admitted, some 430 in number, will be sent to the city treasurer with a request for information as to how many have paid their taxes, as is set out in the formal declaration of claim.

In cases where it is believed there are applications at various agreement holders and householders, the claimants, who number some 30, will be summoned to attend on Monday.

The mayor asked the assistant assessor whether there was any padding of the household list this year from men representing themselves to have rooms at certain hotels, and was answered in the negative. Mr. Scottcroft believed the list was remarkably clean.

PROMISES TO GIVE AN EARLY ANSWER

City's Share of Johnson Street Bridge is Outlined at Conference

The deputation of members of the city council who went over to see the Premier yesterday afternoon with regard to the Johnson street bridge, laid before Sir Richard McBride the reasons for the council staying by the dual approach from both Johnson street and Cormorant street. The Premier admitted the justice of the contention that the citizens (as those who were to use the bridge) had the best right to be considered, and that the council also had a right to consider an extra \$100,000 in land damages if the Johnson street bridge location was insisted upon.

The Premier regretted that the amended proposals had delayed the start on the undertaking, but asked for a copy of the resolution passed on Monday to be transmitted, together with the written opinion of the council on that course. He promised early action thereon by the executive council.

From remarks made during the conference there can be no doubt that the government engineers stand by the raising of the grade in order to accommodate the railway companies on the west end of the bridge. The Inner Harbor Association has endorsed this project, but it is opposed by the council as giving too steep a grade to approach the bridge.

It was learned that the government looks to the city to contribute \$250,000 towards the cost of the bridge, of the half million it will involve, apart from land damages. The government and railway companies contribute \$250,000 as already promised.

Alderman Gleason, who as chairman of the special committee, explained the case for the city, requested the engineers to let the city council know exactly what is required, so that the necessary by-law may be prepared by the city solicitor for approval of the council.

ENTERS APPEAL

Court Will Be Asked to Hear Bagshaw Case, Arising Out of Fairfield Road Widening.

Further is to be heard of the claim of G. J. Bagshaw, nurseryman, Fairfield road, for compensation for damage done to his property in connection with the improvement work on the road last year. When the claim was heard in October, Mr. Bagshaw claimed \$13,178, and the city tendered \$5,000, which was not accepted, and the case went to the arbitrators accordingly with the result that the sum awarded Mr. Bagshaw does not, in his opinion, compensate him for the loss incurred.

An appeal has now been entered to the supreme court, and will be heard in due course. It was argued for the claimant that in the case of a nursery, compensation for potential as well as actual loss should be allowed.

"THE PEOPLE'S UNIVERSITY."

Dr. Westbrook Has Chosen Interesting Topic for His Canadian Club Lecture.

Dr. Westbrook, president of the British Columbia University, announces to-day that he will speak before the Canadian Club, of this city, on December 17 on the interesting topic: "The People's University."

The lecture will be given at the club luncheon in the Empress hotel, commencing at 1 o'clock. R. W. Perry, president, in the chair. This will be Dr. Westbrook's first appearance before the local club.

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DAY NURSERY IS SERVING GREAT NEED

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Owing to the urgent need of funds to carry on the work, the managing board of the Day Nursery, has decided to place subscription lists in the offices of the Times and Colonist, where those wishing to assist the work can place their subscriptions. The sum of \$400, it was pointed out, was required to complete the payment on the furnishings, and to equip the creche properly for the work, while the report read by the secretary showed that only \$60 had been received by small donations toward this end.

That the institution is serving a real need was shown by the statement in the report that all mothers were taking advantage of the opportunity to leave their children in good hands during their hours of work. The little ones are left at the creche by the mothers at 7.30, and are taken away again at 3.30 in the afternoon, a charge of ten cents being made for the care which the children receive during that time. The mothers had in nearly every case expressed their appreciation of the help which this had given them.

A suggestion that an intelligence office should be opened in connection with the work, where anyone requiring help could register the particulars, met with approval.

Numerous donations during the month have added to the comforts of the home, these including a quantity of children's clothes, a number of toys and books, a stove, a ton of coal, and two big loads of mill-wood. Work for several of the mothers was secured by the matron during the month.

Subscriptions may be sent either to Mrs. Gordon Grant, 344 Linden avenue, treasurer of the committee, or to either of the above-named newspaper offices.

The following, who sent welcome donations of clothes, etc., to the creche, were gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Carey, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Barbar, Mr. Fawcett, Miss Barrow, Miss Willis, Mrs. Gesman, Mrs. Beraville, Mrs. Neurosis, Mrs. Nairn, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Gratan, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Wootton, Mrs. Weiler, Mrs. Hardie, Mrs. Hosen, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Hannay, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Press, Mrs. Crompton, Mrs. Douall, Mrs. McClaren, Mrs. O. Weiler, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Ryckly, Mrs. Allen and several others. In cash, Mr. Sutherland, Mrs. Gregory, Senator Macdonald, Mr. Thompson, per Mrs. Hannington, Pythian Sisters, Mr. Hedges, Mrs. Hallen, Mrs. Brown, and two anonymous donations. Three loads of wood from Lemon & Gordon, and a ton of coal from Mrs. Weiler.

TELL OF EXPLORERS.

Three Excellent Papers on Expeditions of French Navigators Read.

The second of the Canadian history study meetings of the Women's Canadian Club, which met yesterday afternoon in the Y.W.C.A. room, brought together a very large number of the members, who were showing a very keen interest in the series of meetings which has been arranged for the next few months in connection with this department of the organization's work.

Mrs. Jenkins was in the chair, and during the afternoon commented on the good attendance, which, she said, was very gratifying both to the speakers who had taken such time in preparing their papers and to the individual members of the club.

The three papers read covered the period of Canadian history from the time of the early explorations prior to Jacques Cartier, the famous French navigator, until the close of that period during which Samuel de Champlain, another French explorer, made his expeditions. Mrs. McDiarmid read the first paper, referring more generally and in a very interesting manner to the numerous early explorers who paved the way for these two great Frenchmen: Mrs. Frank Andrews taking up the thread with an excellent paper on Jacques Cartier. In 1534, 1535 and 1541 this active explorer made his way across the Atlantic for Canada, his last trip being for the purpose of founding a colony on the St. Lawrence. Of the failure of that enterprise and the reward which he received from the King of France for his discoveries and explorations the speaker told before concluding her paper.

Mrs. A. C. Burdick's paper on Champlain was no less interesting. This "Founder of New France" was one of the first explorers who recognized the possibilities of a Panama Canal as a ship-route across the isthmus. Most of his life, after 1608, in which year he was appointed lieutenant-governor and also founded Quebec, was spent in the new colony, although he made trips to and from France. He it was, too, who took an active part in the historical engagement with the Iroquois, which resulted in a long-continued warfare between the Five Nations. He was the first of white men to explore Georgian Bay, and also discovered Lake Champlain. Adventurous by nature, one of his greatest objects was to find a route to the Indies. Fortunately for those interested in the history of the times, Champlain kept a journal of his various "voyages," and these constitute one of the most detailed histories of the "New France" of that period.

At the conclusion of the papers hearty votes of thanks were accorded the three ladies—and also, Miss Andrews, who had prepared the paper read by Mrs. Andrews. The president recommended members who were really interested in the history of Canada to read the excellent books on the subject by Miss Maria Lawson, "History of Canada"; and by Charles D. Roberts, "A History of Canada."



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SPORTING NEWS

VICTORIA FINISHED STRONG, BUT LOST TO ROYALS BY SINGLE GOAL

Champions Rally in Sensational Style Towards Close; Dunderdale Gets Four Goals; Game Was Strenuous; Score 6 to 5

By a Staff Reporter.
New Westminster, Dec. 10.—Demoralized by the absence of their leader, and with the Royals three goals in the lead, Victoria gave one of the gamiest uphill exhibitions ever witnessed in the Coast League at the arena last night in the final period when they fought the Westminster septette to a standstill, and only hard luck robbed them of a win. The Royals were returned victors, the final tally being 6 to 5, but there was not a spectator in the rink but who conceded the honors to the champions on the night's play. The match was a sensational one from the start, the Royals getting a lead of three goals in the second period that looked like enough to win. Victoria's cyclonic finish, and their magnificent team work towards the close redeemed the work of the Capital City squad, who had all the play in the dying moments of the match.

Combination Effective.
Westminster looked for an easy victory, and with Lester Patrick off the Victoria defence, the winged footed Royals expected to score goals at will. In this they were disappointed, the champions' defence, with Small at cover, putting up an unexpected struggle, while the forward line, once they struck their stride, more than held their own with the Westminster septette. Westminster had barrels of speed, but in team play the superiority of the Victoria team rapidly asserted itself. The offside rule found favor with the players and they slapped the disc from one to another in a style that completely baffled the attempts of the Royals to stop their rushes. Every one of Victoria's goals came as a result of these dashes right up to the mouth of the Westminster net, while the Royals had several fluked goals, two being tallied on long shots.

Game Very Strenuous.
There was plenty of strenuous checking, and it looked at one time as if the game was getting beyond the control of the officials. Victoria was penal-

ized two minutes more than Westminster, Skinner Poulin, spending eleven minutes in the penalty box, though the poppery rover of the champions did not deserve his last sentence. It was a battling contest, and with the home team starting the trouble, the champions also mixed matters. Victoria literally wore the Westminster septette down, and when the champions put on their final spurt, only the bull luck of the yellow and black septette won them the game. With but thirty seconds to go Bobby Genge carried the puck right up to the Westminster goal, but could not shoot, Lehman making a brilliant save that practically won the game for his team, Dunderdale Stars.

Telling combination and steady, hard playing by every man on the team, were the conspicuous features of the Victoria septette, while the Royals relied chiefly upon their great speed and individual rushes. There was a great difference of the style of the teams, and the clock work passing of the visitors should have brought home the bacon, had the breaks not fallen to Westminster. Dunderdale's work was a pleasing surprise, while Dunderdale was shooting in old time form. Rowe and Poulin worked hard throughout, the former having three assists, while he repeatedly stick-handled his way up to the Westminster nets. Bob Genge and Walter Small handled the defence nicely, their puck carrying being as good, if not better, than that of the opposing defence. Lindsay stopped a number of grand shots, and looks every bit as good as last year. Ulrich was in the game for a few minutes, relieving Rowe in the second period.

Take Eddie Oatman off the Royals and it is hard to say how the team would get along. The husky rover was never in better form, his goal getting being a treat. Ernie Johnson, marred his work by cross checking, but Lehman in the nets was almost unbeatable. Tobin rushed nicely, Mallen and MacDonald being the fastest skaters on the ice. Throop hasn't the speed of the others, but he is a hard check and fits in nicely with the remainder of the line. The Royals are in the best of shape, and look a hard team to beat on any ice.

Si Griffis and Frank Neighbors handled the game, but were inclined to be lenient, the checking being very high, while any amount of cross checking went unpunished.

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Honorary president of the City Amateur Hockey Association, who has promised suitable souvenirs to every member of the team winning the Victoria championship this year.

McKECHNIE CUP GAME AT OAK BAY

Nanaimo Fifteen Will Play Here on Saturday Afternoon

Victoria will meet Nanaimo at Oak Bay on Saturday in a McKechnie Cup game, this being decided upon at a meeting of the Victoria Rugby Union, which was held yesterday afternoon at the Balmoral hotel. The local City fifteen were unable to come here on December 20, so the game was advanced a week. George Heinke was elected to the captaincy, in place of Harry Watkins, who left Sunday for his home in Wales, the Fifth Regiment leader being a popular choice. The union laid aside a letter from a Tacoma Rugby enthusiast with regard to a match between a Californian fifteen and a British Columbia team. This game is to be played at Tacoma, and the management of the Tacoma end of the tour asked what guarantee the Victoria officials could give for this game. It is likely that the Victoria Union will refuse to take over any guarantee, though they might be perfectly willing to send a team to oppose the Californians.

Saturday's scheduled Barnard league match between the Wanderers and James Bays was put back a week. At the close of the meeting the selection committee met and selected the following representative team to play against the Nanaimo team on Saturday:

Fullback, H. A. Spencer; three-quarters, C. Martin, D. M. Grant, F. Hill, V. R. Bennett; halfbacks, G. C. Grant and S. Hendra; forwards, G. C. Heinke (capt.), S. Gillespie, G. Carstairs, W. J. Baum, J. Asland, R. M. Clark, B. Scott, and D. Gray. Reserves—Knox, fullback; W. Newcombe, halfback; W. H. Patterson, E. McCallum and R. Meredith, forwards.

The Wanderers Rugby Club, leaders in the Barnard Cup series, have received a challenge from the Crusaders, leaders in the Vancouver city series, for a game either here or in Vancouver on New Year's Day. It is likely that the game will be played at Oak Bay, as at yesterday's meeting the Victoria Union decided to have no city league matches played on that date.

TO-DAY IN PUGILISTIC ANNALS

1902.—Jack Munroe defeated Jim Jeffries in four rounds at Butte. The champion offered a prize to any fighter who could stay four rounds with him, and Munroe turned the trick and was thus awarded a huge victory. Munroe escaped a knockout by hanging to Jeff all the time. He wasn't much of a fighter, but at the clinging game he was a human ivy vine, a sort of perambulating postage stamp. Jeff fell once during the exhibition, and as Munroe had put over a light punch the minute before, he claimed that he had scored a knockdown. Munroe kept on boasting of his prowess until Jeff grew peevish and consented to fight him. The second meeting was pulled off in San Francisco in 1904, and Munroe was put away in the second chapter.

1908.—Jack Britton knocked out Kid Farmer in the seventh round at Savannah.

1909.—Joe Jeanette and Sam McVey fought a thirty-round draw at Paris.

BASKETBALL DEFI.

Vancouver Normal School has issued a challenge to the Y.M.C.A. basketball team here to play a match next Friday night. An answer has been sent signifying the Victoria association's willingness to play if the match can be arranged for next Saturday evening.

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REMARKED ON THE SIDE

Is Welsh on the Down Grade?

Failure to secure a match with Willie Ritchie may be disheartening to Freddie Welsh, but the English champion is not showing the form of late that gained him the victory over Matt Wells not so long ago. Welsh has been taken to fighting third and fourth-raters in the east for expense money, and it is even hinted in Gotham papers that the English champion was given a hard tussle in his match with Phil Bloom, a rank fourth-rater. Welsh put away some unknown at Montreal on Friday night, but this is his first knockout in many months. He will have to show a great improvement to stand a chance with Ritchie, especially at the gate which the latter is now travelling.

Home of Eastern Rugby.
Hamilton can well be termed the "home of Rugby," taking their record of the last two seasons as a criterion. A year ago ambitious City teams won all three Canadian titles; the Alerts capturing the senior and junior, and the Rough Riders the intermediate honor. They had a comparatively bad season this fall, only winning the senior and intermediate championships, which indicates that the juniors were not given the attention that was devoted to the other teams. It was not necessary for Hamilton to go outside for talent, but on the other hand they had so much good material that they could afford to "farm out" a few stars, namely, Fisher and Becker, who were with Ottawa; Leckie with Argos, and Potticary with Parkdale.

Brown Will Not Accept Farm Hands.
Bobby Robert Brown, the general manager and owner of the Vancouver ball club, says that he is through with option players. Brown denies the report that the Terminal club is to be a training depot for the San Francisco club, and even goes further to say that his club will not develop young players for any organization, irrespective of its class. Brown has coined a lot of money by brushing the rough spots off young diamond stars and he means to continue this end of the game without being tied down by optional agreements. Victoria benefited by the ownership of Rawlings, Kantelemer, Narveson and Barham, and it is doubtful if the Bee will take on any youngsters without first securing a clear title to their baseball ownership. The big leagues have a bad habit of calling in a youngster from the minors, just when that minor league club needs the player most, while this system usually means a financial loss for the minor club owner. Spokane may have a couple of players on options from the Frisco club, but the Indians will be the only team in this league who do not own their players outright.

BUD ANDERSON WON IN TENTH

Kidney Blows Responsible for
Defeat of Frank Barrieau
Last Night

Los Angeles, Dec. 10.—"Bud" Anderson, the "pride of Medford, Ore.," knocked out Frank Barrieau, of Vancouver, B. C., in the tenth round of a scheduled twenty-round contest at Vernon arena last night. "Kidney wallop" accomplished the defeat of Barrieau, Anderson utilizing every clinch into which the Canadian was forced, to beat his opponent over the small of the back.

In the latter part of the ninth round Anderson began to see the beginning of his victory. Throughout the other rounds he had persistently beaten Barrieau in the back and in the last few seconds of the ninth he pummeled the Canadian terrifically over the kidneys. Just before the gong ended the ninth Anderson administered terrific body blows to Barrieau and seemed on the point of defeating him when the bell rang.

"Pride of Medford" again played upon Barrieau's kidneys, and in a few seconds had him on the floor. The referee counted ten, and when the last word had been uttered, Barrieau staggered to his feet and showed his willingness to continue the battle.

Cries of "Stop the fight, stop the fight," were heard from those who had not caught the words of the referee counting Barrieau out, and when the Canadian weakly regained his feet the referee merely held up Anderson's hand. In the beginning it had not seemed that Anderson would win so quickly. Although he was the aggressor throughout, Barrieau dealt the Medford boy some terrible blows, and in one or two rounds seemed on the verge of victory himself.

RITCHIE FAVORITE.

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Though Champion Willie Ritchie is an overwhelming favorite at odds of 10 to 4 for his twenty-round bout here tonight with Harlem Tommy Murphy, interest in the match is as keen as if the betting public found it difficult to make a choice between the fighters. Jim Griffin will be the referee.

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SPORTING NEWS
(CONTINUED)QUEBEC AMATEUR OFFICIALS TO
DEAL WITH THE PRO. QUESTIONTrouble Brewing for A. A. U. in
Montreal, Because of Box-
ing Incident; Outbreak in
France

According to a dispatch from Montreal, the Quebec section of the Amateur Athletic Union has decided to call a meeting on December 1, at which the mixing of amateurs and professionals will be discussed. It has been suggested that the eastern body allow the pro's and amateurs to mix in all sports and if this is the case, the impending trouble between the A. A. U. and the D. F. A. may be averted. Many of the strongest amateur followers in the east are in favor of allowing the Simon Pures to mingle with the paid artists under special conditions, and it is just possible that this may be taken up by other provinces.

With the Toronto boxers forming a separate association, further flames are added to the fire in the row that has broken out in Montreal between the amateur union and the pro's. It seems that Frankie Fleming, the Canadian featherweight, boxed an exhibition bout at Montreal with a couple of amateurs and the A. A. U. promptly professionalized the latter. The Montreal amateur clubs are up in arms over this decision, and are prepared even to drop out of the A. A. U. to carry their point. In this they will have the support of the soccer clubs, who have already withdrawn from the union.

A project is already on foot to have

the A. A. U. recognize the mingling of professionals and amateurs in hockey, but the outlook is not very bright since the annual meeting of this body, which turned down all professional questions. Here on the coast the trouble has been smoothed over by the affiliation of the Swimming Association and the Athletic Union.

French amateur circles are being stirred up in a manner similar to those of the U. S. and Canada on the question of pros. vs. amateurs. A special license is necessary before an athlete can participate in any sport in France as an amateur. Rose and Potter, two English Rugby players, recently applied for permits to play with teams in the same league. The central committee of the Union de Societes Francaises de Sports Athletiques refused the permits. The section in which the players wanted to compete held a revolutionary meeting and told them to play. And the row started and is still on.

OFFSIDE RULE HAS
BEEN PASSED UPON

Vancouver, Dec. 9.—Frank Patrick's offside rule which has been tried out with success in Victoria and Vancouver will be in force in all games in the Coast League this season. The rule was officially adopted at a special meeting of the P. C. H. A. executive Saturday. The magnates are satisfied that the new rule will speed up the play when the players become better acquainted with it.

Didier Pitre, the sensational point

player of the Canadiens, and the hardest shot in hockey, arrived in the city yesterday.

GOLF COMPETITIONS
AT OAK BAY LINKS

Sixteen members of the Victoria Golf Club have qualified for the Challenger & Mitchell competition to be played over the Oak Bay links on Dec. 18, 19 and 20. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week the Bostock cup matches for the British Columbia championship will be played.

The following will be the Challenger & Mitchell cup competitors, with their score, handicap and net score:

	S.	H.	N.S.
F. Cancellor	79	5	74
D'Arcy Martin	77	2	75
C. J. Prior	82	6	76
W. P. D. Penberton	82	3	79
C. M. Roberts	83	14	79
Capt. Harker	88	9	79
A. Coles	85	6	79
J. A. Riche	85	5	80
P. P. Barton	88	18	80
F. W. Jones	86	16	80
B. Wilson	81	scratch	81
L. B. Kent	80	12	81
H. G. Garrett	86	5	81
A. P. Luxton	89	8	81
Hoult Horton	88	6	82
A. V. Macan	81	plus 2	83

HOUSE LEAGUE FOR
LOCAL Y. M. C. A.

A house league has now been formed within the Y. M. C. A. to play a series of basketball matches every Wednesday night during the remainder of the winter. The following three teams have been picked, and, with a Law Students' team and one from the Business Men, will constitute the league: No. 1—J. Kroyer (capt.), R. Steel, J. Elliott, H. B. Ruth, R. Peden, T. Allen, D. W. Hodsden, S. D. Dibrill. No. 2—G. A. Hood (capt.), E. Steel, G. Dickson, A. Winter, T. Paschal, H. Collins, C. Dumbledon, A. T. Turner. No. 3—R. Whyte (capt.), F. Carne, T. Gawley, F. Harling, S. Turnbull, A. S. Harris, R. Ely, A. T. Hunkin.

SCOUT FOOTBALL

On Saturday the 4th (Y.M.C.A.) Troop beat the 2nd Troop by a score of 2 to 1.

WHAT IS VALUE
OF HOCKEY STAR?JACK LAVIOLETTE
One of the Eastern holdouts.

The interesting question of what a professional hockey player is really worth in dollars and cents may be discussed by the N. H. A. some of these days.

Jack Laviolette and Didier Pitre, of the Canadiens, and Jack Darragh and Skeene Roman, of Ottawa, have all threatened to take their salary kicks before the moguls. Laviolette is supposed to be the highest paid player in the N. H. A. at that, while Pitre suffered a cut from \$3,000 to \$200. Roman and Darragh claim promises were made by the Ottawa club to give the same salary for 1914 as they received in 1913. One year contracts only were signed, no mention being made of salary for 1914.

The Ottawa club makes no bones a promise along these lines was made, but that a rider was attached in which it was stipulated "provided services rendered were satisfactory," which the club alleges were not.

It is stated Roman and Darragh each received \$1,500 last year. Darragh, according to rumor from the capital to-day, is a hold-out for what he got last year, which is a figure some hundreds in advance of what the best in the N. H. A. will receive this winter. Very few players in the league will

carry a contract for more than 1,000, and Laviolette is one of these. There is no doubt the hockey promoters in past years have been led astray on salaries, the players practically controlling the situation.

Figuring out a hockey player taking down \$1,000 for ten weeks, that amount is equivalent to \$3,200 a year. There are only seven major league baseball stars getting that amount for six months' hard work every day, Sundays included, and they are liable to fine and suspension any moment for failure to live up to their stipends or insubordination.

MATTY SHOWS WAY
TO NATIONAL HURLERS

New York, Dec. 9.—Christy Mathewson, premier pitcher of the champion Giants and for years one of the stars of baseball, heads the list of National League pitchers in the official averages for 1913 season. The New York twirler pitched in forty games and his record of victories is twenty-five as against eleven games lost.

The league leader's record is not calculated upon his percentage of victories, however, the system adopted being essentially the same as that used in compiling the American League averages this year, based upon the average of runs earned per game of nine innings. The list shows that twenty-seven runs were scored off Mathewson, an average of 2.06 the game.

Babe Adams of Pittsburgh made the nearest approach to this record. He won twenty-one and lost ten games and the seventy-five runs earned off his delivery averaged 2.15 to the game. Tereau and Demaree, of New York, are close up, standing third and fourth with averages of 2.17 and 2.21 respectively.

FLYNN BEATEN.

New York, Dec. 10.—In a fast ten-round bout here, "Battling" Levinsky outpointed Jim Flynn, of Pueblo, to whom he conceded twenty pounds in weight. The first and tenth rounds were even. The fourth went to Flynn, but in the others Levinsky proved himself the master of his opponent.

SIX-DAY RACE.

New York, Dec. 10.—Eight teams were still in the lead in the six-day bicycle race at noon to-day, the end of the sixteenth hour. The eight leaders had covered 1,225 miles, three laps, and were five miles, one lap ahead of the previous record.

WESTMINSTER HAD
ALL THE BREAKSOatman's Goal-Getting Was
All That Saved the
Royals

Oatman, who with Tommy Dunderdale shared the individual honors of the night, started the ball rolling for the Royal City team, getting a rebound from Charlie Tobin's shot and slamming the rubber into the net. Skinner Poulin was chased for holding, and Ran, MacDonald skated the length of the rink, shooting between Small's legs, the puck slipping into the twine unnoticed. It was a lucky-goal. Mallen was benched for loafing offside, and Dunderdale notched Victoria's first goal on a pass from Rowe. Dunderdale followed with a nice rush, and going behind the Westminster net, slipped the puck out to Dunderdale, who again batted the rubber through. Poulin was laid out by Johnson, but gamely continued. Throp scoring when MacDonald drew Lindsay out of the net and passed the rubber in front of the open net. A startling rush by Kerr and Dunderdale netted the next goal, the latter moving the puck through Lehman's legs.

With the score a tie, the teams started to rough matters in the second session. Johnson cross checked Genge, and the latter took the count, Oatman butting the Royals in the lead on a nice shot through the defense. The latter made it two for the home septette when he followed in his own shot, and the puck slid into the net off Lindsay's skate. Bobby Rowe and Ernie Johnson collided, and the pair had to retire for repairs. Rowe was forced to give way to Ulrich for the remainder of the period, while Johnson came back, wearing a plaster over his right eye, which was badly cut. In a scramble near the Victoria net, Throp scooped the puck out to Oatman for the first Westminster tally.

While the game had been hard on both clubs, Victoria appeared in better shape to stand a final rally and holding the Royals safe, the Champions began a telling bombardment of the Westminster nets. Genge went to the fence for "slugging" Mallen, the latter also getting a penalty. Johnson and Poulin clashed, and both drew three minute rests, Skinner getting an added penalty for taking a shot at Lehman after he had been ordered off the ice. Victoria was having the better of the

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play, and on a pass from Rowe, Walter Small batted the puck into the net. Tommy Dunderdale received a clout on the nose, which drew a quantity of gore, but he showed his grit by scoring a pretty goal on a pass from Rowe. One goal in arrears Victoria placed every man on the Westminster side of centre. Small, Kerr and Rowe had shots, while Genge was right upon Lehman, only to find himself unable to shoot. It was a whirlwind finish to a hard game, and it was a welcome shout of relief by the Westminster supporters that greeted the timers' bell.

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 Disappointment and deep chagrin were marked in the face of Cerberus and in the tone of his reply, "Oh! I thought you was."
 "Well, I was," murmured the clergyman as he strolled through the opening gate, but Cerberus did not hear the remark and remained plunged in gloom for the rest of the day.

She had written on the blackboard the sentence, "The toast was drunk in silence," and turned to her class for them to discover the mistake.
 Little Bonnie Sheridan waved his hand frantically, and going to the board scrawled the correction: "The toast was eaten in silence."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

(All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.)

W. F. Zwick, of Seattle, is at the Empress hotel.
 V. Prince, of Seattle, is registered at the James Bay hotel.

S. A. Clark, of Duncan, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

H. C. Banon, of Cheltenham, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

W. Mitchell, of Mission Junction, is a guest at the Dominion hotel.

T. M. Perry, of Revelstoke, is among the guests at the Empress hotel.

William Hanna, of Granby Bay, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

Among the guests at the Dominion is Mr. A. C. Paber, of White Horse.

Calvin Heilig, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday from Portland.

Mrs. J. McLea will not receive until the second Wednesday in January.

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Woman With Marvellously Beautiful Hair Gives Simple Prescription Which She Used With Most Remarkable Results.

"I was greatly troubled with dandruff and falling hair. I tried many advertised hair preparations and various prescriptions, but they all signally failed; many of them made my hair greasy so it was impossible to comb it or do it up properly. I think that many of the things I tried were positively injurious, and from my own experience I cannot too strongly caution you against using preparations containing wood alcohol and other poisonous substances. I believe they injure the roots of the hair. After my long list of failures, I finally found a simple prescription which I can unhesitatingly state is beyond doubt the most wonderful thing for the hair I have ever seen. Many of my friends have also used it, and obtained wonderful effects therefrom. It not only is a powerful stimulant to the growth of the hair and for restoring gray hair to its natural color, but it is equally good for removing dandruff, giving the hair life and brilliancy, etc., and for the purpose of keeping the scalp in first-class condition. It also makes the hair easier to comb and arrange in nice form. I have a friend who used it two months and during that time it has not only stopped the falling of his hair and wonderfully increased its growth, but it practically restored all of his hair to its natural color. You can obtain the ingredients for making this wonderful preparation from almost any drugist. The prescription is as follows:

Pay Rum, 4 oz.; Menthol Crystals, 1 drachm; Lavone de Compose, 2 oz. If you like it perfumed add 1 drachm of your favorite perfume. This, however, is not necessary. Apply night and morning; rub thoroughly into the scalp.

Among the Vancouver people who registered at the Empress hotel last evening were G. M. Madden, Norman McLean, Hamilton Earle, C. H. Gage, F. D. Gage, W. H. Hargrave, D. E. Brown, A. Arthur Cox, D. M. Stewart, Mrs. Stewart, John Burns, J. H. Wright and T. V. Fletcher, monthly members of a Shaughnessy Heights

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 10-6 a. m.—The pressure is slowly going up. The clouds are clearing and a strong wind is blowing from the west. The temperature is 40°; minimum, 34°; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 39°; minimum, 34°; wind, 5 miles E.; weather, part cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.64; temperature, 44°; minimum, 40°; wind, calm; rain, 1.4; weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.81; temperature, 38°; minimum, 34°; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Winnipeg—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 39°; minimum, 34°; wind, 4 miles S.W.; weather, clear.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Tuesday.

Temperature.

Highest.....34

Lowest.....34

Average.....34

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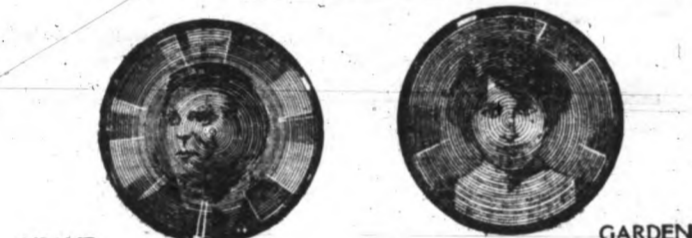
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DESIRE TO PURCHASE CITY WATER IN BULK

Saanich Council Has Thorny Problem Over Unemployment Question

The difficulty about the water supply of the municipality, in which the Saanich council is asked by the water commissioner of the city to come to the same arrangement as is reached with Oak Bay—the purchase of water in bulk—came before the Saanich council last evening.

Mr. Rust wrote supporting the proposition, which has already been negotiated at intervals for some time, on account of the trouble which has frequently arisen under existing conditions.

The councilors felt particularly apprehensive with regard to Wilkinson road, where water will be wanted by the provincial fall directly.

Councillor Horden believed that when the Sooke pressure main was laid to Parsons bridge the city would be in a position to give plenty of water to that portion of the district.

No action, however, was taken in the matter.

Councillor Quick reported with regard to the unemployment situation, and said some men were willing to do anything, while others would not take kindly to the proposed rock piles. The committee suggested brushing and cleaning out stumps in roads near the city, which required attention. Some men badly wanted work, they learnt, and it was cheaper to put them on road work than to provide charity.

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Quick strongly supported as the desire of the committee.

Councillor Dunn was surprised at the reception at Tolmie school at the unemployed meeting last week. He said the councilors were almost lynched—(laughter)—when the committee suggested \$2 a day on relief work.

Reference was made to the attempt by the undersigned to oust the deserving, but the committee would not admit there was any responsibility for finding work for people who had just come to the municipality. One case they had of three men who had just hired a shack in the municipality in order to qualify.

Councillor Williams thought that really indigent would gladly work for any salary, while if full wages were paid the council would be inundated with applications. He agreed with the view that inquiries should be made by the constable before work was found for them.

Mr. Pin, superintendent of works, said he was inundated with applications, morning, noon and night, and they gave him no rest. There were now over a hundred men applying to him. Mr. Pin said that artisans were trying to oust the genuine laborers and unskilled labor.

A registry will be established at the Royal Oak hall, the council decided. Councillor Williams suggested a minimum wage, but believed that less than \$3 would enable them to cull out the undesirable.

Councillor Quick said he understood the committee was directed to relieve the actual distress, and not find work for the unemployed.

Beyond establishing the registry and giving the superintendent free hand, the council did not feel able to go further. The committee suggested that the funds available were very limited.

A report from the municipal engineer, C. H. Topp, on the local improvement of Ascot Drive with macadam, estimated the cost at \$27,900.

The council decided to introduce a by-law on the subject, in order to facilitate the work.

No final action was taken with regard to the drainage of the low portion of section 40, Victoria district, lying east of Polo Alto street, which Mr. Topp estimated would cost \$3,250.

The road superintendent reported that \$7,194 had been spent on the roads in November, including \$1,664 on Gorge road.

The council decided to pay \$1,500 for the cost of installation of lights in the Gorge district. The equipment will belong to the municipality.

The council deferred election of two representatives on the board of management of the Victoria Creche until after the annual election determines the personnel of the body.

There were numerous applications for sidewalks, on account of the advent of winter, which has made trails in the lower sections of the municipality impassible. Parkdale was reported to be a district particularly bad, delivery wagons refusing to enter the district after daylight on account of the cold.

One of the largest petitions of this character came from Wilkinson road. The Canadian Northern road construction gang was moving on December 3 a steam shovel when it broke through a culvert on the West Saanich road, near Vermont Park. Into the gap fell immediately afterwards a car driven by A. B. Vince, breaking the windshield with the jar, and the latter now claimed the cost of the repair. The council declined to accept responsibility.

A petition from nine automobile owners asked for improvement on the hill from Telegraph Bay to Cadboro Bay point, and also at the junction of Douglas avenue and Charles street. The application was referred to the superintendent of roads.

To the next council was referred another petition to have Walton Place road constructed, to give connection to Lake Wood road, and render the latter possible for wagons.

BAD FEELING OVER LOAN

Brothers-in-Law Are Parties to Litigation as a Result of a Friendly Act.

Little family spats and jars are responsible for a good deal of the litigation that comes before the courts, here as everywhere, and sometimes a deal of the time of judge or magistrate is taken up with the hearing of some small matter that has arisen simply because of a word or act on one side that the other has objected to.

Something of this sort probably occurred in the case of two brothers-in-law who were parties in action in the County Court yesterday. Walter Robertshaw and Edward Taylor are married to sisters, and apparently got on all right until recently. Taylor came out from the Old Country, leaving his wife and family behind, and after coming here he received assistance from his brother-in-law in the shape of loans which he repaid. In July last he got a loan of \$150 for the purpose of bringing his family out, and it is now alleged has not paid anything on that.

A suit was entered by Robertshaw for the amount and interest, making in all \$153.75, and Oscar C. Bass, for the plaintiff, asked the court for speedy judgment for the sum. There was no appearance for the defendant so far as could be seen, and Judge Lampman told counsel he could have his order. Then the defendant appeared from the back of the court to protest. He said he was perfectly willing to repay the loan, but he could not do so at the moment. He recounted the circumstances under which he got it, or under which it was offered, as he preferred to put it, and insisted that the present action was brought on account of some other trouble.

The court gave judgment for the full amount claimed, and advised the defendant to make some arrangement with his brother-in-law as to the manner in which he should make the payments.

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(1) For regulating the location, construction and use of huts, shacks, sheds, garages, barns and other buildings, which are erected under any By-Law intended to reduce the value of assessable property;

(2) For prohibiting, licensing and regulating the use of any building, erection, construction and use thereof in the City of Victoria, and in any parts or areas of the said City;

(3) For permitting areas or openings to be constructed in or under any sidewalks and streets in the City of Victoria, and to make and collect an annual charge for the use of any such openings or areas previously constructed or hereafter to be constructed of such amounts as the Council may deem reasonable;

(4) For compelling owners or occupiers of lumber factories, sawmills, slaughterhouses, shoddy mills, crematories, tanneries, rag or bone works, laundries, electric light works and carpet cleaners, and of any other place where any manufacturing or trade process whatsoever is carried on in connection with the operation of which smoke, dust or effluvia is caused or produced, to install and maintain such chimneys or other apparatus as shall consume the smoke, dust or effluvia, or prevent the same from fouling the atmosphere, or being carried by the wind on to other houses, houses or premises, to the inconvenience or injury of the neighboring premises or residents therein;

(5) For regulating the distance from the centre of the street of all buildings hereafter to be built upon lands abutting upon any street in the City of Victoria, and within the City of Victoria and prohibiting the erection of any such building except at such distance from the centre of such street in any specified area as the Council may deem advisable;

(6) For regulating the measuring or weighing (as the case may be) of butter, broad, potatoes, milk and other articles of food, and for sealing and forfeiting the same when of light weight or short measure, or short or short or short measure in any cordwood, firewood, coal or other fuel, and in butter, broad, potatoes, milk and other articles of food;

2. In the event of the Council of the said Corporation of the City of Victoria undertaking a work of local improvement, or the opening, widening or extending of any street within the City of Victoria, and for such purposes it becomes necessary for the Council to enter upon, appropriate, take and use any lands or real property or interest therein, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act and amendments thereto, the said Corporation while entitled immediately upon issuing the notice mentioned in Section 39 of the Municipal Act to take possession of, use and enjoy the said real property or interest therein, shall not be under obligation to pay the compensation therefor to the respective owners in a lump sum, but at the option of the said Corporation to be paid in equal instalments and in the same number of instalments as those by which the special assessment shall be made payable, as set out in the report required by Section 39 of the Local Improvement Act, and the said Corporation shall be included in cost of the work to be specially assessed in accordance with the provisions of the Local Improvement Act.

3. In the event of the Corporation of the City of Victoria exercising any of the powers conferred by Section 33, Subsection 28 of the Municipal Act, of entering upon any lands within the said Municipality and digging the ground and constructing tunnels and underground conduits and carrying wires, cables and necessary fittings and apparatus therein, and placing poles upon the said lands and attaching thereto wires and other telephone apparatus and affixing the same to buildings and other improvements upon the said lands, and carrying said wires over and across said lands and improvements, and operating, maintaining, altering and replacing the same, and for the purpose of reconstruction, reconstruction, operation, alteration and maintenance and repair from time to time entering upon the said lands and the Municipality of the said Corporation passing a By-Law appropriating the said rights therein, and of any of them, in respect of any lands within the limits of the City of Victoria it shall not be necessary for the said Corporation to file in the Land Registry Office at Victoria a certified copy of the said By-Law accompanied by a plan certified under the hand of the City Engineer of the City, showing the lands in respect of which the said rights and easements have been expropriated thereunder, and also accompanied by plans and specifications of the work proposed to be done thereon; and thereupon the rights and easements expropriated under said By-Law shall forthwith vest in the said Corporation and its assigns, and registration of the title acquired under said By-Law shall not be necessary.

For the exercise of any of the said powers the said Corporation shall pay such compensation as may be agreed upon, or, in the event of failure to agree, shall pay such compensation as shall be determined by arbitration in the manner directed by Part XV of the Municipal Act. The notice required by Section 39 of the Municipal Act shall be deemed to have been sufficiently served upon all owners and persons interested in said lands if the same, addressed generally to the owners and persons interested in the various lands affected by the said By-Law, be published for at least eight consecutive days in a newspaper published in the City of Victoria.

4. The Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria shall consist of a Mayor and ten Aldermen. The said Municipality shall not be divided into wards, and the Mayor and all Aldermen shall be elected from the City at large.

5. The term of office for an Alderman shall be three years and for the Mayor one year.

6. At the next annual election of Aldermen and at every third annual election thereafter four Aldermen shall go out of office, and at all other annual elections hereafter three Aldermen shall go out of office. The four Aldermen who shall be those of the Aldermen who respectively received the least number of votes at the last annual election; the three Aldermen to go out of office after the second annual election hereafter shall be those of the remaining six Aldermen who respectively at said last annual election, and the remaining three Aldermen shall go out of office at the third annual election hereafter. Thereafter the Aldermen to go out of office at any annual election shall be those who have been longest in office since election, notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, however. The retiring Mayor and Aldermen shall continue to hold office until the annual election following, and on said date the newly elected Mayor and Aldermen shall take office. The Council shall meet on the first Monday in January (not being New Year's Day), or if the same be New Year's Day, then on the first Tuesday in each year and thereafter as the Mayor may appoint.

7. In the event of the election of an Alderman to fill a vacancy in office the term of his office shall be the unexpired term of the Alderman whose office has become vacant.

8. The election for Mayor and Aldermen for the said Municipality shall here-

after be held in the month of December (commencing in December 1914), and the nomination for Mayor and Aldermen shall be held on the second Monday in December in each year (commencing December 1914), from twelve o'clock noon to two o'clock p. m., and the polling (if any) shall be held the following Monday from nine o'clock a. m. to seven o'clock p. m.

9. The Municipal Elections Act is so far as it affects the Municipality of the City of Victoria, but not otherwise, hereby amended in manner following, viz:

As to Section 4 and its amendments thereto, by striking out the words "October" and substituting instead thereof the word "September";

As to Section 16 thereof: By striking out the words "thirtieth day of November" wherever they occur therein and substituting instead thereof the words "thirty-first day of October" and also wherever the word "December" occurs therein by striking out the same and substituting instead thereof the word "November";

As to Section 21 thereof: By striking out the word "December" therein and substituting instead thereof the word "November";

10. The Public School Amendment Act, 1912, in so far as it affects the Municipality of the City of Victoria, but not otherwise, is hereby amended in manner following, namely: By inserting at the end of Section 50, Subsection 1, enacted as Section 8 thereof, the words following: "Provided, however, that the said estimate shall be prepared and laid before the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria by the Board of School Trustees of Victoria on or before the last day of December in the year next preceding the year for which the sums set out in said estimate are required. The nomination and election of the Board of School Trustees of Victoria shall be held at the same time as the Municipal nomination and election of Mayor for the said City of Victoria as hereinbefore in this Act provided."

11. It shall be the duty of the City Comptroller and City Engineer of the said Corporation, on or before the last day of December in each year, to submit to the Council a detailed estimate of all expenditures for Local Improvement which in their opinion are necessary to be made during the next current year.

12. It shall be the duty of the said Comptroller and Engineer of the said Corporation, on or before the last day of December in each year, to submit to the Council a detailed estimate of the expenditures of the Municipal revenue which in their opinion are necessary to be made during the next current year.

13. It shall be the duty of the Council of the said Corporation in the month of December in each year (and not later than the 15th day of said month), by resolution to adopt and approve an estimate of all expenditures of Municipal revenue, and all extraordinary and Local Improvement expenditures which in the opinion of the said Council are necessary to be made during the next current year; and it shall be the duty of the Comptroller and Solicitor of the said Corporation to prepare an Expenditure By-Law for the next ensuing year based upon the said estimate adopted and approved by the said Council as aforesaid; said By-Law shall be considered and approved by the Council during the said month of December. The said By-Law, however, shall not be finally passed by the Council in the said month of December, but shall be the duty of the incoming Council during the month of January next following to consider the said By-Law and to pass the same with all such amendments as the Council shall deem necessary.

14. No By-Laws for raising upon the credit of the said Municipality any money not required for its ordinary expenditure and not payable within the same municipal year shall be submitted for the consideration of the electors of the said Municipality except at the date of the annual elections. Provided, however, that it shall be lawful to submit a By-Law at any other time if the Council shall pass a resolution that in view of an emergency it is necessary to submit said By-Law.

T. R. ROBERTSON,
City Solicitor,
City Hall, Victoria, B. C.
November 26th, 1913.

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BOWSERISM IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

ARTICLE IX.

By Walter W. Baer.

It is favorite fiction with the members of the Bowser-McBride ministry that the \$13,000,000 due the treasury "bears interest payable at the rate of six per cent per annum." The fiction consists in the fact that the assertion is founded upon truth. That vast sum "bears" interest and the interest is "payable" should the land laws be enforced. But the further fact that the land act with respect to the collection of interest has never been enforced is sufficient evidence, that it will not be enforced under Bowserian administration. If the evidence of after events is to be accepted it must be concluded that when Bowser said "we must give the speculator his chance" he fully understood that the chance was to ramify through the interest clauses of the act as well as through the principal. And the speculators' earnings and profits have been ruthlessly driven through both.

Sir Richard McBride is careful never to say that interest at the rate of six per cent per annum is being "collected" on the vast sums due on account of land sales. But he creates with seeming success, an erroneous impression that the interest already a vast amount in itself, is as much an "asset" of the treasury as the defaulted land payments themselves.

Deficits Amply Secured.

Another of these favorite fictions is that "these amounts are fully secured," as is so often reiterated by Sir Richard McBride. The security, of course, consists of the land alienated. Absolute title to this land cannot be granted until the land is paid for in full according to the requirements of the land act. If the provisions of this act were enforced, as they should be by any honest government, the land, or much of it, would long ago have reverted to the crown. In the end most of it will revert to the crown because the "speculators" who hold it today have no intention of paying for it until they dispose of it at many times multiplied profit on their original investment. In the meantime the land lies uncultivated, undeveloped, unproductive and unobtainable excepting through the medium of the speculator to whom the government has alienated first claim. The ultimate purchaser may contract to pay the government what is still due on the land and, after paying the speculator a handsome bonus for having engaged an "agent" to make the land and make application to purchase, obtain a crown grant after compliance with the other provisions of the land act. That is how the immense sums due the treasury are "secured." In the meantime both defaulted payments on interest and principal keep on mounting up.

Land Deficits Appalling.

There are three items in respect of which the defaulted payments are mounting year by year, the aggregate sum now due the treasury being far beyond popular credence unless supported by the actual figures. These three items are: (1) amount due in default of payments for land applications to purchase which have been approved by the department; (2) interest due and overdue on account of defaulted payments; (3) wild land taxes uncollected and due on account of lands held by speculators on which both principal and accrued interest is due and over due.

The wild land tax, from the imposition of which so much capital was made when the Bowserian government imposed it, is neither assessed at a valuation that is equitable to the public nor is it collected in its entirety at the low rate of the present assessment. It is a convenient term with which to confound in public addresses and high-keyed interviews given by the Bowserian ministers to their subsidized organs but in its practical contribution to the provincial treasury is another of those delusions which serve their best purpose by obscuring the vision of the taxpayers to the actual conditions which exist. Were the wild land taxes and the six per cent interest "payable" on account of land sales collected, or had they been collected according to law, there would not now be the necessity which exists for the issuance of treasury notes drawn against the

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revenue of next year to the extent of a million dollars and a half.

Notwithstanding the high rate of assessment on wild land, a rate so low as to tempt land holders to keep as much of their holdings as possible in an uncultivated state, little more than half the sum due as taxes on wild land has ever been collected. This will be subsequently shown in tabular form. What is important to consider in this connection is the fact that in British Columbia much emphasis is laid on that method of taxation which collects the tax revenue from land values only. Apart from the examples set by many city municipalities and some rural districts, and the further provision made by the legislature for the general adoption of this method of taxation, the government itself has set the example by levying a high tax on improved land and extracting revenue from wild land at an assessment little higher than a fifth of its actual market value as fixed by the government in its sale price. This is strikingly set forth in the table below:

Year.	Taxes Collectable.	Collected.
1910	\$404,070	\$250,904
1912	805,373	428,274

The classification includes taxes on wild lands, coal lands and timber lands which, in the public accounts are all placed under one item of receipts in the revenue statement of the treasury. The area of wild, coal and timber lands assessable under this classification nearly doubled in the years 1910 and 1911, so that, for the three years (1910 to 1912) more than three-quarters of a million dollars of taxes on wild lands remain uncollected in spite of the low assessment under which these are levied. It must be remembered, of course, that these "all bear interest payable at six per cent per annum."

Interest Also Uncollected.

The same dereliction of duty in the collection of interest from the delinquents who pay neither for their land, the taxes thereon, nor the interest on their overdue obligations. The six per cent payable on account of delinquent land payments amounts to no less than \$720,000 for the year 1912. For each of the two years previously when recorded as delinquent, the amount was nearly the same amount is presumably due. The total amount—well within the mark—due on account of land sales for which neither principal, interest nor the full amount of taxes have been paid during the last three years will thus present a table something like the following:

Year.	Overdue Interest.	Overdue Taxes.	Principal.
1912	\$ 720,000	\$377,669	\$12,000,000
1911	670,000	302,862	11,000,000
1910	429,397	151,166	2,641,524
	\$1,819,397	\$831,127	\$14,641,524

This sum is more than twice as much as has been received by the treasury on account of land sales for the whole period covered between 1905 and 1912. Verily the speculator is having his chance.

If the overdue taxes and interest alone had been collected for the last three years the amount received would have been \$2,641,524. Instead of the Bowserian government being compelled to issue treasury notes in the sums of \$10,000,000 or a million and a half dollars, there would have been this amount and an additional \$1,641,524 in the banks to current account. And there would be still \$12,000,000 principal due on account of land sales "bearing interest payable at six per cent" and "amply secured." As it is we have borrowed \$1,500,000 upon which we must pay discount charges, commissions, exchange, etc., and we have drawn against the revenue of the year 1914, or shall be obliged to draw, to pay these bills.

Business Aspect.

When the Bowserian policy of provincial development and expansion began (1907) the temporary stabilization of provincial credit incident upon the increased taxation imposed by the McBride government in 1903 had begun to totter. To keep the province from reverting to the condition in which McBride administration found it—and from which the Bowserian government never ceases to boast they rescued it—it became necessary to take desperate measures. These were peculiarly Bowserian and consisted in the exploitation of the natural resources to speculators. The outcome has been that the speculators have first claim on the resources, and practically control their disposition while the province has received but a fraction of their actual value.

To have fostered the actual settlement of land and to have induced and encouraged a population anxious and eager to participate in the development of agriculture never occurred to the near-statesmen who comprise the Bowserian ministry. Their argument was that something in the way of "easy money" must be realized to keep the machine in control of the political situation and keep the party in power. Thus, on the easiest terms, they invited speculation in lands and other crown resources. The result has been that, at the end of ten years, they (the government) possess neither these alienated crown resources, the payments contracted for when they were disposed of nor the interest on the money many years over due.

There is not another business in the world which could have stood up so long under such a strain. Its shareholders would have dismissed its management and directors with dishonor, opprobrious epithets and vile names for such mismanagement of their affairs.

The Mystery Solved.

That the electorate, especially the taxpaying electorate, of British Columbia, have so long tolerated the conditions which have arisen, and during the process of their fabrication has always been a mystery to the visiting

academicians, economists, statesmen and parliamentarians who have taken the slightest trouble to look into these affairs. The answer to the conundrum is not difficult. The electorate have tolerated the conditions because they have been consistently and persistently deceived. The most deliberate and calculated falsehoods have been uttered by the ministers of the crown and members of the legislature in answer to the criticisms of their administration. In the matter of the crown lands alone there are four contradictory statements in print as the utterances of ministers of the crown and government statisticians with respect to the alienation of the crown resources in timber and lands. The minister of lands has one set of figures, the prime minister another and the attorney-general still another, when speaking of the areas still available for settlement and cultivation. The government statistician has yet a different formula and declares that, whatever ministers of the crown may say to the contrary, his own figures are correct. He places the total available agricultural area in the province at 15,000,000 acres, while the figures of the ministers of the crown assert that there are more than 200,000,000 acres of such land open to pre-emption as homesteads, and that 150,000,000 acres are surveyed and ready for occupancy. The figures of the ministers cannot be true, as it may be confidently asserted that even with intensive farming not more than one-third the areas they claim are susceptible to agricultural development.

Of these areas the choicest, most easily available sections and earliest to be provided with transportation at the expense of the province are already alienated to syndicates and companies who have not paid for them, nor the interest on their over-due obligations nor the taxes on the land they hold under their thumbs.

It is because of these dark and devious ways that the Bowserian administration has determined to prevent, whenever possible, the intrusion into the legislature of persons qualified to ask embarrassing questions and publish the facts. It is only by maintaining absolute secrecy in respect of their administration and of the public accounts that the government can hope to gain acceptance for their persistent and wilfully perverted statements. The Public Accounts are themselves so doctored as to convey little definite information in the form in which they are published and all attempts to gain access to the books of the department of finance have been, by the shallowest and most contemptible trickery, anticipated.

Though there are now "only a few strips of land along the coast" obtainable by purchase all appearances point to the same process of spoliation with

respect to lands reserved for pre-emption that has characterized the administration of the lands department with respect to lands purchasable. Speculators obtain lands for a song, neglect to pay for them under the terms of the contract of purchase, default in both taxes and interest on their principal obligations.

That such a process can continue year after year without some one other than the speculators profiting enormously by these exploitations is too far-fetched to be credible. With an empty treasury and a million and a half dollars borrowed against the revenues of next year the game of plunder goes merrily on. I gave a little girl an apple yesterday, a prize apple and a beauty, too. She politely asked me to peel it for her, and after I had done so she naively asked me to accept a slice of it as a recognition of my generosity. I have been searching records of births, marriages and genealogies ever since to discover, if possible, whether there is any of the blood of the land "speculators" of British Columbia in her veins. I found it. A relative of hers purchased a square mile of land from the government eight years ago and has not yet paid the price nor the taxes nor the overdue interest. Yet he has faithfully, regularly, triennially contributed to the campaign funds of the Bowserian government. Selah.

DEAN OPENS SALE.

Junior Branch W. A. to Missions Conducts Successful Bazaar at Cathedral Schoolroom.

The Junior branch of the cathedral W. A. to Missions held their annual sale of work yesterday afternoon in the cathedral schoolroom, Very Rev. Dean Doull performing the formal opening ceremony, by explaining the objects of the mission work and the need of encouraging the younger members of the church in the work. By closing the dean congratulated the branch on the splendid showing of work they had prepared, and complimented the stall-holders on the attractive nature of their display. The sale was largely attended and the various articles were soon disposed of, all of which had been dressed by the girls, the orange tree, afternoon tea, and all the other departments of the affair were very popular. In the evening a most entertaining programme was provided the visitors, "The Night Before Christmas," a charming playlet, being given by the children of St. George's school. Others who assisted the interesting proceedings were Miss Phyllis Davis, who gave some of the fragments from "Everykid," Colonel



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TO-DAY IN CANADIAN HISTORY

Some of the would-be purchasers of silk and tea dwelling at York in 1832 must have been disappointed to receive on this day of December, the announcement from one "storekeeper" at least, that they would have to forego indulgence in such luxuries till spring, as the expected consignments of East India goods had not arrived. The "storekeeper" in question was, by the way, a most romantic personage, being none other than one of the French noblemen who had escaped from France during the Revolution, and after spending a short time in England, had emigrated to Canada. His name was originally Quetton, but, having landed in England on St. George's Day, he had in gratitude adopted the saint's name as a surname, thus appearing in Canada as "Monsieur Quetton St. George." There seems a touch of poetry in this, but the gallant Frenchman did not lack practicality. He had trading places, not only at York, but also at Niagara and at Orillia, where he was known by the Indians as "White Hat." He made money, and ultimately went home to his native land, but one of his descendants returned to Canada, and lived at "Glen Lonely," high up Yonge street, in the country north of Toronto.

George Thomas Lanigan, humorist, poet and journalist, was born at St. Charles, P. Q., sixty-eight years ago to-day. He ranks among the greatest of Canadian-born humorists and poets. He was educated in Montreal High School, and began his journalistic career in the Canadian metropolis. He was associated with Robert Graham in the establishment in Montreal of the Free Lance, a journal of satire and humor. In 1874 he went to New York and joined the editorial staff of the World, remaining with that paper until 1882, when he became one of the editors of the Philadelphia Record. His untimely death occurred in the Quaker City on February 5, 1888. "A Threnody for the Alhond of Swat" was one of the most successful of his humorous poems, while his "Canadian Ballads" are still treasured by many Canadians. His international reputation was based largely on his "World's Fables," which were a feature of the New York World during Mr. Lanigan's connection with that paper. The late Mark Twain held a high opinion of Lanigan's humor, and republished no less than seven selections from Lanigan's work in "Mark Twain's Library of Humor." Most of Lanigan's fables dealt with birds and animals, and bear such titles as "The Grasshopper and the Ant," "The Kind-Hearted She-Elephant," "The Owl and the Hen," and "The Fox and the Crow," but the morals of the fables are very human in their applications.

December 10 is the anniversary of the destruction of the Montreal cathedral by fire in 1858.

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Mr. A. C. Benson tells a good story of Charles Kingsley's fondness for smoking:

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"Just run upstairs, Tommy, and fetch baby's nightgown," said Tommy's mother.

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THE HUMAN PROCESSION

In Mississippi the politicians take their politics very seriously, and, since duels with firearms are no longer in fashion, they occasionally settle their difference with their fists. A political meeting that doesn't begin or end with a "rookus" is considered a very tame affair in the Mississippi hinterland. As a gentleman would fight with a blind man, Thomas Pryor Gore, who was later to win fame as United States senator from Oklahoma, found himself at a decided disadvantage when he began his political career in his native Mississippi. On one historic occasion, when the youthful Gore was debating a point of politics with Senator Hernandez De Soto Money, the latter became enraged at the ridicule heaped upon him by his verbal opponent, and shouted, "If you were not a blind man, I would whip you!" Gore, tearing off his coat, answered, "Well, tie a handkerchief about your eyes and made right in."

The "rookus" did not take place, for Senator Money was so delighted with the spirit of the sightless youth that he led the applause that greeted this reply and congratulated the youngster on his "spunk." It was this fighting spirit which triumphed over a terrible physical disability and made Gore one of the leading statesmen of the republic. The Oklahoma Sobon was born in Webster county, Miss., forty-three years ago to-day. When he was eight years old he lost his left eye by being accidentally struck with a stick by a playmate, and three years later the sight of the right eye was extinguished by an arrow from a cross bow. Despite this handicap, Mr. Gore graduated with honors from a normal school, taught school to earn the money to study law, and was not yet twenty-one when he was nominated for the state

legislature, but was obliged to withdraw on account of his minority as to age. At twenty-two he engaged in the practice of law, and removed to Texas a few years later, where he became noted as a Populist orator, and was nominated for congress. In 1891 he removed to Oklahoma, where he became noted as a Populist orator, and was nominated for congress. In 1891 he removed to Oklahoma, where he became noted as a Populist orator, and was nominated for congress. In 1891 he removed to Oklahoma, where he became noted as a Populist orator, and was nominated for congress.

Since the days of Diodorus, who lived in Asia Minor before the beginning of the Christian era and became famous as a philosopher and mathematician, thousands of blind people have attained fame and fortune, but there have been few statesmen in the list. Perhaps the first was Alexander Rodenbach, who was a leader in the Belgian parliament about the middle of the last century. Like Senator Gore, he was afflicted with blindness at the age of eleven.

Frances Evelyn, Countess of Warwick, famous as a Socialist and a leader of movements for the betterment of the conditions of workers, was born fifty-two years ago to-day, the daughter of Col. the Hon. C. H. Maynard. She married the fifth Earl of Warwick in 1881, and immediately began her husband's career. When English fashionable society. When her husband acceded to the earldom, and the Countess became the hostess at Warwick Castle, their re-entrance into society after a period of mourning was marked by a fancy dress ball which surpassed in lavishness of expenditure, anything of the kind ever given in England. A bitter, venomous criticism of this ball by Robert Blatchford, editor of a London Socialist paper, which at first aroused the

anger of Lady Warwick, resulted eventually in her acceptance of the Marxian philosophy.

FIRST THINGS

The first regular postal service between two American cities was established 241 years ago to-day, December 10, 1672, when the government of New York inaugurated a regular monthly post to Boston. Some thirty-three years before that a post office had been opened in Boston at the house of Richard Fairbanks, "for all letters which are brought from beyond the seas, or are to be sent thither." In 1657 the Virginia Assembly provided for the "rapid transmission" of official communications from plantation to plantation on penalty of one hoghead of tobacco for each default. Four years after the establishment of the New York-Boston monthly mail, the colonial court of Massachusetts founded an official post-office in Boston, with John Heyward as postmaster.

The first parliamentary act for the establishment of a postal system in the English-American colonies was passed in 1592, and a royal patent was granted to Thomas Neale, who was authorized to transport letters at such rates as the planters should agree to give. Neale began operations in Virginia, and the other colonies soon joined in the movement, although the system was very imperfect. The English postal system was extended to the colonies in 1710. The rate on a single letter from London to New York was one shilling, and four pence, or eight cents, was charged for each sixty miles from New York.

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TO LET—Centrally located, large room, suitable for lodge meetings, etc. Brunswick Hotel, corner Yates and Douglas.

LOST—Heavy gold bracelet, inscribed "T. S. S. Venture." Finder return to 915 King's road.

TO LET—Nice 6-room house, 923 Hampton road, \$25 month. T. P. McConnell, 404 Pemberton Bldg.

POST OFFICE FEELS CHRISTMAS BUSINESS

Makes Highest Record in Its History in Money Order Department

The post office officials, clerks and carriers are all feeling the press of Christmas business. During four days, from December 5 to December 9 inclusive, stamps to the value of \$3,593 were sold. Registered letters during the first nine days of the month were 2,448 in number, which is 734 more than for the same period last year. The parcel post for Great Britain during the same few days amounted to 2,739 in number, which is also considerably in advance of the number sent out during the first nine days of December, 1912.

But it is in the money order department that the post office has made its record. In the issue on December 6 of 800 money orders, the office has experienced its heaviest issue for any one day in its history. On the preceding

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TO LET—Fully furnished, 13-room, boarding and rooming house, as a going concern, long lease; will rent with option of tenant purchasing furniture at any time; owner leaving for California; reason for selling. T. P. McConnell, 404 Pemberton Bldg.

FOR SALE—Deep sea cruising yacht, fitted with fish pins, suitable for halibut with slight alteration; speed, 12 miles loaded to the water line; engine, 50 h. p. Corliss, brand new; fuel capacity, 1,500 gallons; sleeps 12; large deck house; fully equipped in every way, electric light, two bulk-heads, mast and hoisting gear; boat is 60 ft. long and 16 ft. beam; draft 6 ft. 6 in.; carriage big spread of canvas. Price for cash sale or exchange for property and cash. \$1,000; boat actually cost \$12,500 last year. Would accept agreements of sale or mortgage or lots, farm lands or acreage, or other securities, and some cash, or would sell the boat on very easy terms to reliable party. She is admirably fitted for towing, freightage, the fishing business, is in perfect condition and ready to go to sea at any moment. The engine and the bare hull alone cost more than the price asked for to-day. If you mean business, state your proposition fully to Capt. Irwin, 424 Vancouver Bldg., Vancouver, B. C.

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LOST—On Niagara street, about 11:15 Dec. 10, card case. Finder please return to 428 Lixton avenue, and oblige. 411

TO LET—2 furnished housekeeping rooms, 817 North Park street.

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CREATE DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPALITIES

Permanent Commissioner With Powers of Government Proposed at Board of Trade

SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT IS PRESENTED

Government Inspection of Municipal Accounts Proposed With Public Report

Chief among the many proposals of the special committee of the Board of Trade to draw up suggestions for the proposed municipal bill to be introduced at the coming session of the Legislature, is the declaration of the committee's opinion that the powers of the provincial government in connection with municipalities throughout the province can be best administered by a department under the control of a permanent commissioner who shall be free from political influence. Several other clauses in the report refer to powers which might be given this commissioner.

The report was completed at yesterday's final meeting of the committee, and was presented for approval at this morning's meeting of the council, which passed it on to a general meeting of the board for to-morrow afternoon. The report is signed by M. B. Jackman, J. L. Beckwith and J. S. Floyd.

Much of the report deals with safeguarding the public and all parties concerned in the matter of loans for local improvements and other public works. It urges that every municipality shall be required annually to prepare a financial statement in such form as may be prescribed by the provincial government, and proposes further that there shall be an annual government inspection of all municipal accounts and a report prepared thereon, in a copy published in the local newspapers and a copy sent to the provincial government. That a statement of the bonds issued showing the amount of sinking funds on hand, and how they are invested should also be prepared each year and sent to the government, is included in this portion of the report.

A most important suggestion regarding the investment of sinking funds is contained in a clause which proposes that sinking funds may be invested in the bonds of the issue to which they are attached at a price not exceeding the par value of the bonds, subject to the consent of the government.

The first three clauses in the report deal with public works. One proposes that before the municipality is permitted to begin construction, all arrangements shall have been made for the permanent loan to cover the cost of the work. Another suggests that no loans shall be authorized either in the first instance or by consolidation of issues for a longer term than the life of the public work covered, as shown in the engineering certificate. That the engineer of the property owners to petition against local improvement be made absolute, instead of conditional, as at present, is strongly urged.

The committee also suggests that no loan of over five years shall be contracted for without the government's certificate that the law has been complied with. Other clauses dealing with these loans are for the most part mere amplification of the present act.

That instead of publishing the whole of the authorization by-law as at present the municipal councils shall publish in the newspapers a concise statement of certain prescribed essential facts in connection with by-laws to make loans is another important suggestion of the committee, which also asks that these facts shall be sent in circular form to every ratepayer.

In case of loans for a period longer than ten years the committee proposes that the government hold an inquiry if requested by one-tenth of the number, and value of the ratepayers affected, and that the inquiry cover the benefit to be derived from the work, the cost, and whether the municipality is in a position to undertake the financial obligations. The report should be published, and if favorable the by-law be submitted to the ratepayers, and if unfavorable no by-law be submitted unless a resolution be carried by three-quarters of the members of the council.

Town planning legislation is discussed in the latter part of the report, which recommends that the municipalities shall be given power to approve and make compulsory schemes for governing the development of defined areas within the municipality. Such schemes, the committee suggests, may be approved upon the application of a majority of not less than three-quarters of the owners of property within the area to which the scheme is to apply. That these schemes may regulate the position of roads and sidewalks, character and value of buildings, preservation of trees, etc., is also proposed.

The conduct of an inquiry by the commissioner at the instance of the government into the objections raised at any time by 25 per cent. of the owners of property affected by any building by-law is also suggested in the report.

The council of the board listened to the explanations of the committee members this morning, and asked numerous questions about the various clauses before sending the report to the general meeting. Opinion seemed to be strong in favor of the clause requiring towns to have the money in hand before undertaking public works.

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Board of Trade Council Want Information Before Adopting Quebec Resolution

Robert Greenhaigh, a Vancouver steamship agent, appeared before the council of the board of trade this morning and asked the board to support a resolution passed by the Quebec Board of Trade that it would be a wise policy of the government of Canada to encourage steamship connection between the eastern provinces of Canada and British Columbia by way of the Panama canal.

In order to cheapen the cost of transportation of freight from the east to west the resolution went so far as to propose that the government go to the length of subsidizing a line of steamers to run at regular intervals. The council did not wish to commit itself to this without consideration, and the matter was referred to the harbors and navigation committee.

Mr. Greenhaigh, however, was asked for particulars as to the rate which should be charged for freight on such a line. He refused to give this information, for although he admitted that it was in his possession, it was marked confidential, and unless he obtained a release from this understanding, he could not agree to divulge the figures.

The letter left here by C. E. Lucian Agassiz, British vice-consul at Tacoma, asking that a consular invoice charge be levied on goods shipped from the United States to Canada did not meet with a favorable reception. The present tax demanded by the United States consul here was ultimately charged against the recipient, and was no hardship on the Canadian exporter. To institute a reciprocal charge at the British consulates in the United States would be to penalize Canadian importers, and the council opposed Mr. Agassiz's proposal.

A telegram from the St. John Board of Trade complaining against the delay in English mails due to their being carried away around the Intercontinental line from St. John to Montreal, instead of by the direct line of the C. P. R., resulted in no action being taken by the local board, as it was deemed advisable to await the outcome of the negotiations which Postmaster-General Pelletier announced last night he was carrying on.

A Railway Carriage Dialogue: "You don't have old Bill round now at nights?" "I don't," with much emphasis. "I thought you and 'im' always talked politics every night?" "We did, till 'is missis told me that he always raked out my fire before he come round to me. I'll have no feller sitting by my fire coal-burning."

MEETINGS

Ladies' Aid Society.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Grace Episcopal Lutheran church will meet to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Kenney, 2651 Work street.

Central W. C. T. U.—There will be a meeting of the Central Union of the W. C. T. U. to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 at the Y. W. C. A. Mrs. Spofford, provincial president, will speak on the subject of the plan of work for the coming year, and as the topic should be of peculiar interest, members are asked to attend.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.—There will be a reception this evening at St. Paul's Presbyterian church to welcome their new pastor, Rev. Dr. Maclean, and Mrs. Maclean. Greetings will be extended by other churches of the city through their pastors or other delegates, and a large attendance is anticipated.

Navy League Chapter.—The regular monthly meeting of the Navy League Chapter, I. O. D. E., will meet to-morrow morning at 10:30 in the Alexandra Club committee room. All meetings of the chapter hereafter to be on the second Thursday of the month, same time and place.

To Give Lecture Series.—Dr. George Vosburg, a noted lecturer, will deliver a series of lectures at the Congregational church on December 17 and 18, on "London and Rural England," "China in Transition," and "Jays, the Wonderland of the World." Dr. Vosburg is coming to the city under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

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IMPORTANT SESSION OF LICENSING BOARD

Many Transfers to New Premises Arise From Desired Compliance With Licensing Law

One of the most important sessions of the city license commission was set for this afternoon. The applications were threefold, those of owners of premises which propose to take over licenses hitherto held by saloons to operate as hotels, secondly, those of saloons which have been altered to meet with the provisions of the licensing law, which abolishes saloons after January 15 next, requiring new hotel licenses, and thirdly, transfers of ownership of licenses.

Among the first named are:—
Leland hotel, Douglas street, to Wright block, Bay street. (Objection taken by school board on ground of proximity to North Ward school.)
Ship Inn, Wharf street, to Lincoln Apartment Block, Johnson street, from Angelo Doria to Joseph Gallia.
Princess Saloon, Herald street, to Borden hotel, Fort street, from James Wilson, to Charles Baring.
Northern Bar, 818 Yates street, to 570 Yates street, Davis block.
Everett's Exchange saloon, to Carlton hotel.
Regent saloon, Johnson street, to Dean block.
In the second class are: New England hotel, Murphy's saloon, Elk saloon, Jubilee saloon, Bank Exchange saloon, White Horse and Manitoba bar.

In most of these cases alterations to the premises in order to bring them into line for the amendments of the licensing act have recently been effected.
The transfers of ownership include the following: Western hotel, Mrs. Sharp executrix, to H. Wournell and K. Williams, Ritz hotel from Mrs. Constance Baker, to Channing Lovejoy, Clarence hotel from George Fortin to James Callender, St. Francis hotel from J. M. Lambert and G. D. Sedney to G. D. Sedney, Excelsior saloon to New England hotel, and transfer from St. C. P. Lieve to Michael Young; St. George hotel, from Anderson and Fraser to Andrew Kennedy, Princess of Wales from Wournell and Williams to James Wilson.

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Creditors of Citizens' Committee Petition City to Liquidate Its Liabilities.

Creditors of the citizens' committee which managed the affairs of the Carnival in August are signing a petition to the city council asking that body to liquidate the committee's liabilities. A copy of the petition is now at the office of Charles J. Wright, 1010 Langley street.

The citizens' committee made this request of the city council shortly after the conclusion of the Carnival, but the aldermanic body turned down the request. Now the creditors are drawing attention to the fact that at three different public meetings, two of them presided over by the mayor of the city, the plan of having an annual carnival was unanimously adopted and the programme proposed by the citizens' committee approved. They argue from this that the committee's liabilities are a public liability and urge the council to lose no time in their liquidation. The sum is \$8,800.

DEBATED SOCIALISM

Such Numbers Attend Centennial Brotherhood Meeting That Larger Room is Taken.

Owing to the unexpectedly large crowd, which numbered somewhere between five and six hundred, the place of the debate on Socialism which was held under the auspices of the Centennial Brotherhood last evening had to be transferred from the Sunday school rooms to the church. William Mitchell presided, and the pastor, Rev. Mr. Green opened the proceedings by explaining the objects of the Brotherhood and the method which they intended adopting in connection with their meetings.

The debate, both sides of which were keenly espoused by opposing factions of the audience, was on the following: "Resolved, that Marxism Socialism is Desirable, Practicable and Possible as a Social System." The debaters for the affirmative were Rev. D. W. Gannon, M. A., and Rev. C. G. Brown, B. A., and for the negative, Rev. Dr. C. T. Scott, B. A., and Rev. Thos. Keyworth. The speakers gave their respective sides splendid support, and strong arguments were rallied on both negative and affirmative. Unfortunately, owing to the lateness of the hour at which the set debate concluded, there was no time for discussion, and this was postponed until the meeting of the brotherhood next Tuesday evening, in the Sunday school room, at 8 o'clock, and to which any interested persons are invited.

It was decided before last night's debate that there would be no judges and no public decision. The wisdom of this, it was assumed, would be obvious to all present, as it was hoped that every person present would receive a greater stimulus to think the matter out for himself with the pros and cons placed before him.
The proceedings concluded about 10:30, by votes of thanks to all those who had taken part.

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FLX POLLING PLACES IN SAANICH ELECTION

Alteration Has Been Made in Ward IV.; Meetings of Ratepayers' Associations

The election for reeve and council of Saanich will take place on January 12 next, the returning officer being Clerk J. R. Garfield.

The polling places have been fixed as follows:
Ward One—Cedar Hill school-house.
Ward Two—Tolmie School-house.
Ward Three—Gordon Head hall.
Ward Four—MacKenzie Avenue school.
Ward Five—Royal Oak school.
Ward Six—Temperance hall, South Saanich.
Ward Seven—Adams' store, corner of Gorge road and Tillikum road.

It will be noticed that a new polling place has been chosen in Ward Four. The Colquhain hall, where the ballots have been cast for some years, is not large enough, while the new school is close to the Carey road, and is accessible from Burnside road by way of Marquardt road, which has been recently macadamized. For these reasons the council has made the change on the suggestion of Councillor Dunn.

The polling place for Ward Seven was felt to be better than at the Craigflower school, which is on the edge of the new ward instead of being central for the whole district.
The Ratepayers' Association of Ward Seven yesterday evening selected J. B. Adams as candidate for councillor for the ward, and N. Kennedy and I. Fleming as candidate for school trustees. The candidature of Councillor McGregor was supported for reeve.
On Monday evening a meeting of Cadoro Bay ratepayers was held, at which addresses were given by the candidates for Ward Three, Councillor Williams, and George Blizard. The selection of officers of the association was laid over to a future meeting, after ex-Councillor Hobbs had been chosen as president.
In Ward Five to-morrow there will be a meeting at Royal Oak, at which it is understood that the candidates, Councillor Quick and ex-Councillor Grant will be heard.
Councillor Borden, against whom no one has yet been nominated in Ward One, is assured of opposition, although he is not certain from what quarter it will come.

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THAT IMMIGRATION ORDER

Sir Richard McBride Says It is Intended to Prevent Men Becoming Charge on This City.

Judging from an interview given by Sir Richard McBride to the senior government organ here in regard to the passage of an order at Ottawa for the exclusion of artisans and laborers, the statement of the government at Ottawa that it was framed to meet the situation created in the matter of Hindu immigration by the late judgment of the chief justice is not correct.
It is for the purpose of preventing a large number of new-comers being thrown on the bounty of Victoria and Vancouver, the premier announces. He says: "At the present time the construction camps of the railroad companies are well supplied with men, and it was in order to minimize the chance of a large number of newcomers being thrown on the bounty of the people of Victoria and Vancouver that the passage of such an order was approved by this government."

The issue of the order was no surprise to Sir Richard, because "The question was referred to us several days ago and we concurred in the proposal. For several years past there has been a considerable influx of men seeking work during the winter months, which has resulted in glutting our labor market; and hundreds of men have been thrown on the charity of our large cities, as there has been no employment offering."
There is no reference whatever in the interview to the Hindu question, about which the premier gave Sir Ed-

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A horse-owner was trying to sell a wind-broken horse, and was trotting him around for inspection. The owner stroked the horse's back and remarked to the prospective buyer—
"Hasn't he a lovely coat?"
But the other noticed that the horse was panting, and answered—
"Ah, I like his coat all right; but I don't like his pants."

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